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Gold fever sweeps the Gulf states

MANAMA, March 17 (AP) — Arabs and expatriates in the Gulf region have gone on a gold-buying spree, fuelled by uncertainties over the future of oil sales and the exchange value of local currencies.

Reports of unruly queues for gold in Kuwait were frontpaged by Gulf newspapers Wednesday, and the gold rush was catching on like wildlife elsewhere in the Gulf.

In Qatar's Al-Fardan Exchange House, marketing manager Muzammil Hanif was quoted, in a bannerline story by the English-language daily *Gulf Times*, as saying dealers are unable to meet demand. "To satisfy our customers we book orders and indent stocks from a Switzerland refinery", he was quoted as saying.

Between 50 and 60 gold bars were sold daily at Al-Fardan prior to the recent drop in gold prices. The demand has now soared to the neighborhood of 500 bars daily, dealers, said.

One report said gold merchants in Kuwait were weighing money instead of counting it and were on the verge of calling in the police to control crowds of would be buyers.

U.K. police demand death penalty revival

LONDON, March 17 (Agencies) — Britain's rank-and-file police Wednesday called for the return of capital punishment to stem a *sharp increase in violent crime.*

The Police Federation, representing all 118,000 officers in England and Wales, took out half-page advertisements in five national newspapers saying that before hanging was abolished in 1965, it was rare for criminals to carry guns and fewer policemen were killed.

The advertisement said robberies in London increased last year by 48 percent while other big cities reported similar rises in violent crime. It added that in recent years guerrillas from Ireland and elsewhere had committed outrages in Britain.

"Few members of parliament would dispute the assertion that a large majority of the British public would support the death penalty for murderers whose crimes are especially horrifying," the advertisement said.

The federation said 26 policemen have been killed during the 17 years since hanging was abolished while 11 were killed for the same time span *when the death penalty was in* effect. The campaign followed murders last week of two English police in the course of duty.

Meanwhile, parliament is currently debat*ing the law and order issue. Prime Minister* Margaret Thatcher said in the House of Commons Tuesday: "We have already had a debate on capital punishment, and I would have considerable doubts whether another one would have different results." Parliament confirmed the abolition of capital pun*ishment by a 362-243 vote in 1979.*

But Mrs. Thatcher also said: "Law and order is one (concern) that is foremost in the public mind and for very, very good reasons." Statistics were published Tuesday showing a rise in violent crime.

In London, the number of robberies and muggings in public has increased 34 percent in a year. Scotland Yard said that more than half of the alleged criminals are non-white.

The home secretary said last week that complaints against the police had also risen considerably. Indeed, there is a malaise among police from criticism of their conduct in last summer's riots. Chief constable James Anderton of Manchester said: "I sense and see in our midst an enemy more dangerous, insidious and ruthless than any faced since World War II.

"I firmly believe that is a long-term political strategy to destroy the proven structure of *the police and turn them into an exclusive* agency of a one-party state. I am also convinced that the British police service is now a prime target for subversion and demoralization," Anderton said.

The chief constable said that police commissions, composed of local elected officials and charged with investigating police activity, are among the culprits.

(Wirephoto)

GUN LAW: Kennesaw Police Chief Robert Ruble shows off the guns Tuesday that are now mandatory for the Kennesaw area. Residents have until Feb. 22 to comply with a new city ordinance which says that each home is to have at least one gun and ammunition. The ordinance was passed Monday at the city council meeting.

Kingdom, Niger blast Israeli acts

RIYADH, March. 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Niger have strongly condemned the Israeli hostile acts and colonization practices in the Middle East region and called for total Israeli withdrawal from all Arab lands occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, restoration of legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, enabling them to return to their homes and establish their own independent state under the leadership of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

In a joint communique issued Wednesday, following the conclusion of a three-day visit by President Seyni Kountche to the Kingdom Tuesday, Niger expressed its full support for the Arab peace plan for the Middle East, introduced by Saudi Arabia, and described it as a "positive initiative" for realizing a just and lasting peace in the region.

The two sides deplored the Soviet oppression of the Muslims in Afghanistan and called for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan enabling the Afghan Muslims to decide their own form of government.

They expressed their full support for the African liberation movements, their backing for the African states which are still under the yoke of colonialism, and expressed their concern over he presence of a number of military bases in the African continent describing it as a "real threat to the continent." The communique said the two sides, during the talks lead by King Khaled and President Seyni Kountche, discussed joint cooperation in the framework of Afro-Arab cooperation and Islamic solidarity.

The communique said the two leaders expressed their pleasure and satisfaction over the developments in bilateral relations and expressed their firm determination to further strengthen their ties. The two sides also expressed their hope for the success of the 13th conference of the Islamic foreign ministers to be held in Niamey next June, due to the importance of the items on its agenda.

Marcos begins visit Sunday

DEATH TO MARCOS
THE CRIMINAL

JEDDAH, March 17 — President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines will start a state visit to the Kingdom Sunday at the invitation of King Khaled, according to a royal court announcement Wednesday.

A Philippines embassy statement said that President Marcos will be accompanied by his wife, the first lady, Imelda, 11 ministers, and a number of senior aides. It will be the first visit ever by a Philippines head of state to a Middle East country.

It is the result of an invitation extended to him by Crown Prince Fahd in Cancun, Mexico, during the North-South summit conference last October. "That the president has chosen to go to Saudi Arabia on his first visit to the Middle East is a tacit recognition of the Kingdom's role as the leader of the Arab world," the embassy said. "It is a measure of his regard for the vital role that Saudi Arabia is playing in world politics and economy that he has accepted the Kingdom's invitation to make a state visit, only his seventh abroad since he assumed the presidency 17 years ago," the satement added.

President Marcos will be meeting the leaders of the Filipino workers estimated at over 150,000, who are employed in the Kingdom and who remit nearly $600 million a year to their country out of their earnings here. Last year, the Philippines bought $802 million worth of crude oil from the Kingdom and exported to it goods worth $39 million.

Redec obtains SR500m loan

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 17 — The National Commercial Bank of Saudi Arabia Wednesday announced the syndication of a SR500 million loan facility for Redec, the Saudi Research and Development Corporation.

An Official bank spokesman said the medium term loan was signed Tuesday by NCB and four other banks on a club deal for five years with an average life of three years.

Tony Khoury, head of NCB's syndications and marketing international division added that the applicable margin of the loan will be 1 ½ percent over BIBOR (the Bahrain Inter-Bank Offered Rate). Tuesday's BIBOR was quoted at 13 ½ for a six-month tenor.

NATO sees nothing new

Soviet offer meant to pressure West

MOSCOW, March 17 (Agencies) — The Soviet media Wednesday hailed Moscow's decision to halt SS-20 missile deployments in Europe.

Large-scale coverage by the state-controlled press of the move, announced Tuesday by President Brezhnev, appeared to herald an East Bloc campaign to promote the decision as a new peace initiative by Moscow. But NATO military analysts said it contained no new elements and brought East and West positions on medium-range nuclear missiles no closer together.

These analysts saw the Moscow decision as a carefully-timed and shrewedly-calculated move to refuel anti-nuclear protest in Western Europe over NATO's plan to deploy new medium range nuclear missiles. They interpreted the move as primarily being tilted at the Western peace movement which Moscow values as a source of pressure on Western governments committed to basing U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles on their territories.

Moscow has indicated concern that pacifist protest in Western Europe against the sta*tioning of the U.S. rockets has slackened in the wake of the military crackdown in* Poland. Brezhnev said Tuesday that Moscow would maintain its freeze on deployment of SS-20 missiles west of the Urals until the United States began "practical preparations" *for deploying Cruise and Pershing-2's under* the NATO plan.

Analysts said this vague formulation left Moscow with the option of calling off the moratorium at any time in the next 18 months if it thought such preparations were under way. The new U.S. rockets are to be deployed by the end of 1983. Analysts believe that in particular Moscow has an eye to West Germany which has been the scene of the strongest public protests against NATO's "Euromissile" plan.

Diplomats pointed out that the new Soviet decision was announced at a crucial time for West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt who next month is expected to face challenges to government policy at the national congress of his Social Democratic Party (SPD).

His party has shown itself divided over the NATO missile plan on which Schmidt has staked his political career. Analysts said because the move was clearly slanted at public opinion in Western Europe, the Kremlin was unlikely to be too concerned about *negative reaction to it from Western leaders.*

President Reagan Tuesday dismissed the Soviet move as meaningless, while White House officials said Brezhnev was seeking to freeze into place a Soviet superiority in nuclear fire-power in Europe.

President Reagan and the U.S. State Department say the Soviet Union has already sited 300 SS-20s. Reaction in other Western states has also been cool.

Analysts said the Soviet decision made no move toward NATO's call for a dismantling of all SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 missile sites on both sides of the Ural Mountains. NATO diplomats also noted that announcement of the move coincided with a two-month adjournment of the U.S.-Soviet missile talks in Geneva where Moscow has accused Washington of dragging its feet.

U.S. arms control chief Eugene V. Rostow, a veteran of the Johnson administration, acknowledged in Washington that the Soviet leader's overture will naturally appeal to people with "a perfectly real and natural fear of wars." Reflecting inhis State Department office. Rostow said the Soviets "are clearly playing to the galleries ... trying to play this entirely as a propaganda effort."

Rostow, 68, and the other officials, who preferred to remain anonymous, raised a number of points to explain the rejection of Brezhnev's overture. "First, we have made it clear that a freeze is not good enough," said a senior official who helped shape Reagan's response to Brezhnev. "We are unhappy with the buildup in Soviet military capabilities, the massive expansion of nuclear forces in the last decade. So we want reductions."

The way to get reductions, he said, is "to give the Soviets incentives to agree." Similarly, that official asked, "Do you think we would be in Geneva had not the NATO alliance in 1979 agreed to deploy Cruise and Pershing II missiles?"

Brezhnev's proposals are viewed in Washington as an effort to disrupt the scheduled deployment of those missiles beginning in December 1983.

In Bonn, a West German government communique said Brezhnev's proposal aims at "preventing the stationing of equivalent *American weapons in Europe" and at "main*taining the imbalance existing in this area to the benefit of the Soviet Union."

The statement said that Brezhnev's proposal repeated moratorium suggestions made in the past by Moscow and showed keen Soviet concern that there should be no stationing of U.S. Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles.

Crucial OPEC discussions begin in Vienna tomorrow

VIENNA, March 17 (R) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets in Vienna Friday seeking a formula to prop up oil prices in a glut that threatens to send them crashing and to affect the 13-nation group itself in the process.

OPEC sources said Saudi Arabia, the key to any deal, seemed to favor coordinating output reductions to defend the present benchmark of $34 for a barrel of Saudi light crude. But Nigeria, OPEC's weak link, was being pressed to cut prices by several buyers who were threatening to abandon it, they said.

Nigeria could force OPEC to lower the base price to $28 or $30 or if it thwarts any deal here, possibly trigger OPEC's collapse in a frenzy of competitive price cuts down to $25 or lower, oil company executives say. They note that non-OPEC sellers such as Britain, Mexico and the Soviet Union have already cut prices, determined to maintain their sales volumes in the surplus-laden market.

Authoritative Lagos oil sources said some OPEC states held out the possibility of cheap loans to compensate for lost oil sales by Nigeria, which is desperate for revenue, if it would endure buyer defections and help defend prices within OPEC.

The Lagos sources said Nigeria, with a population of 80 million and urgent development needs, would want guarantees on this before it could undertake to forgo price reductions. Saudi Arabia's Ahmad Zaki Yamani met his Nigerian colleague Yahya Dikko, in Qatar March 6 when they and other key oil ministers informally roughed out a defensive strategy which OPEC will try to organize in Vienna.

The goal is to tailor supply to currently-depressed demand and then to carve up the dwindled market to give all 13 members enough revenue to prevent competitive price-cutting. Ministers counted on demand reviving this autumn. Until then, they thought they could balance the market, and fit everyone in, within total OPEC output set at 18.5 million barrels daily.

The projected OPEC total is below any since the 1960s and compares with 32 millions in 1979, before recession and a rundown of oil industry stocks slashed demand for OPEC crudes.

After thousands failed

Gold riddle solved by chance

LONDON, March 17 (R) — On a moonlit summer night in 1979, an unknown writer dug a hole in a lonely field in England and buried a jewel-encrusted hare he had modelled from 18-carat gold.

Since then thousands of people from the United States, Australia, Europe and the Far East have joined in a huge hunt for the buried *treasure that has had them visiting estates* and gardens all over Britain.

To strike gold, they had to solve a complex series of clues to the treasure's location that were hidden in the pictures and riddles of a *best-selling children's book by British author* Kit Williams, who fashioned and decorated the replica hare from gold and jewels worth $18,000.

For some, the search became an obsession *that made them throw in their jobs, sell their* houses and squander their savings. Treasure-hunters in frogman's gear were caught diving into private lakes at dead of night. A Swiss family was rescued after they got caught in high tide while searching below cliffs in Cornwall. One man had to be dissuaded from digging in London's Westminster Abbey.

One airline even introduced special offers for Americans wanting to fly to Britain to try their luck. About one and a half million copies of *Masquerade* have been sold since it was first published in 1979. Last weekend, it was disclosed that the treasure trail was over.

An Englishman who spent 15 months searching had dug up the hare, studded with rubies, moonstones and other gems, in a park about 80 kms north of London — thanks to his dog. Twice he had tried to curb his interest in the hare by giving the book away: twice he had bought new copies.

The idea for *Masquerade* began in 1976 when Williams, 35, a former British naval engineer turned artist, was asked to illustrate a book for children. After researching the medieval art of riddling, he spent three years writing and painting the story of how Jack Hare, the central "character", lost a love-token the moon had commanded him to take to the sun on an adventure through earth, air, fire and water.

To make up for the disappointments he remembered from childhood, when treasures promised in cereal-packet competitions turned out to be plastic gimmicks, Williams decided to reward the finder with real gold and jewels.

Jack Hare's lost treasure was the reader's to keep — if he could put together the cryptic clues to its location hidden in the paintings and riddles of *Masquerade*. But there was a catch: Most of the clues led nowhere. Only a "master riddle" around which the book was built would reveal the whereabouts of the gold hare, *thought tobe worth up to* $40,000 today.

But the finder — whose identity the publishers have kept secret — did not crack the code. He says it was chance that led him to the *right place. As he walked across the park* looking for clues, his dog stopped to relieve itself on a stone cross. The man realized the inscription it bore contained a reference to Catherine of Aragon, the sixth of King Henry the eighth's six wives, that he knew was crucial.

Several weeks later the treasure was his — though he had to celebrate in hospital, where he was taken suffering from exhaustion after days of almost non-stop digging. Williams says the strain of three years' work on the book's 15 paintings, depicting surrealistic animals and people in enchanted landscapes, began to send him mad. His marriage also broke up.

Reagan seeks aid for Caribbean

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) — President Ronald Regan sent to Congress Wednesday legislation to carry out his program of aid to the Caribbean nations, saying that "if we don't act now... new Cubas will arise."

"Extremist groups and violent minorities are exploiting this economic misery to gain new footholds in this hemisphere," he charged in a White House ceremony in which he gave a message to Congress.

In his message, Reagan said he was asking for $350 million in emergency economic assistance for the region in the current fiscal year. One-third of it would go to El Salvador.

"El Salvador's *economy is in desperate* shape" the president said in the document. "The insurgents have used every tactic of terrorism to try to destroy it."

Reagan said in the ceremony that the program was intended to help the nations in the Caribbean basin " cope with a crisis of unprecedented proportions."

"Their economic well-being and security are threatened," he said. "Economic disaster is consuming our neighbors' money reserves and credit. It is forcing thousands of people to emigrate and threatening even the most established democracies."

Sultan begins inspection of northern zone

TABUK, March 17 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan arrived here Wednesday at the first leg of a Northern Region tour. He was met at the airport by Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid; Northern Region Commander Maj. Gen. Saleh Al-Ghufaili; the commander of Faisal Air Base and other senior high-ranking personnel as well as a number of notables.

Upon arrival, Prince Sultan inspected a division and spoke with its members. He thanked them for their loyalty, relentless training and quick assimilation of modern methods and advanced weaponry to serve their religion, King and homeland. He told the men that they must strive harder to discharge their sacred duty.

Prince Sultan then visited the cultural activities hall where he discussed with officers their various issues and problems.

On his departure from Riyadh, the prince was seen off by Sheikh Osman Al-Hamaid, his assistant for military affairs; and Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, chief of general staff.

Madinah U hosts narcotics parley

MADINAH, March 17 (SPA) — A symposium on "the negative effects caused by the use of narcotics and its harm to the society" was held at the Islamic University here Tuesday.

It was attended, among others, by Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazaeri and Maj. Gen. Jamil Al-Miman, director general of interior ministry's anti-narcotics department, representing interior Minister Prince Naif.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Zayed, university vice-president and chairman of the symposium, cautioned citizens against the diseases resulting from the use of intoxicants and narcotics and their harmful effects on the individual and the society. He stressed the need for cooperation between the citizen and the state to eliminate this evil.

Maj. Gen. Miman spoke about the Islamic university's role in spreading the Islamic message throughout the world. He also alerted citizens on the hazards of intoxicants.

He was followed by the health minister who thanked the university and the interior ministry for their ceaseless efforts in checking the spread of this ill in the country.

Nazer views investing in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, March 17 (R) — Saudi Arabian Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer said Wednesday his country was interested in investing in Argentina's wood products, meat and mining industries.

He told a press conference at the end of a four-day visit to Argentina that he had also discussed plans for Argentine and Saudi companies to set up a cold storage plant in Saudi Arabia which would act as an entrepot for Argentine meat exports to the Middle East.

Argentina's Secretary of State for Planning, Brigadier Jose Miret, said the two sides had also discussed the possibility of Argentine companies tendering for construction contracts in two new industrial cities to be built in Saudi Arabia.

Several Argentine companies were interested in bidding for contracts to build urban infrastructure, heavy industry plants and drainage and sewerage systems, he added.

During his visit, Nazer held talks with Brig. Miret, President Leopoldo Galtieri, Economy Minister Roberto Alemann and Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez and with Argentine businessmen.

Sheikh Hisham Nazer

Argentina was the last leg of a three-day tour which already had taken the minister to Britain and Brazil. He held talks with senior officials in those countries, including British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, on further promoting relations with his country.

Civil aviation pact signed with Dutch

JEDDAH, March 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Holland concluded here Tuesday night a civil aviation agreement facilitating regular flights between the two countries. The accord was signed by civil aviation President Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf and his Dutch counterpart.

Assaf said the agreement aims at promoting civil aviation between the two countries and establishing regular air routes between them. "The agreement will help promote ties between the Kingdom and Holland," he added.

"The agreement provides for initiating of three weekly flights between the two countries additional bi-weekly flight in addition to the current ones," he said.

Expressing pleasure for signing the accord, the Dutch official described his talks with the Saudi Authorities as "very fruitful." "The talks centered on enhancing cooperation and understanding between Saudia and KLM national airliners," he said. The Dutch delegation began its visit to the Kingdom Sunday.

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — The Higher Executive Committee for the Development of Qasr-Al-Hokm met here Tuesday night under Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam, who is also the committee's vice chairman. It discussed side issues relating to the first phase of the project and commissioned two contracts for supervising the phase on architectural and administrative plans. Prince Salman, Saturday, will sign the contract for the implementation of the first phase of the project.

MANAMA (SPA) — Prince Mansour ibn Saud ibn Abdul Aziz is here to lead Saudi Arabia's delegation to the Fourth Arabian Gulf and Peninsula Horse Riding Tournament opening there Thursday. The prince arrived with Prince Faisal ibn Khaled ibn Abdul Aziz Monday night.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Jeddah District Commissioner Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi opened Tuesday night the sixth annual handicraft exhibition of the Faisaliyah Women's Society here. The three day exhibition displays patterns of dresses textile works by the society's factory.

JEDDAH (SPA) — President of the Islamic Development Bank Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali left here for Amman Wednesday to attend the inauguration of the potash project by King Hussein Thursday morning. The IDB contributed $13 million to the cost of the project which had been put into implementation in 1978. Situated at the southern tip of the Dead Sea, the project's productive capacity is expected to reach 1.2 million tons of potassium salt.

DAMMAM (SPA) — The Eastern Province's anti-beggary office has intensified its campaign in the area's cities, districts and villages to arrest beggars and wipe out the phenomenon.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Thursday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5.02	5:03	4:35	4:22	4:46	5:16
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:29	12:30	12:01	11:48	12:12	12:42
Asr (Afternoon)	3:54	3:55	3:27	3:14	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:32	6:33	6:04	5:51	6:15	6:45
Isha (Night)	8:02	8:03	7:34	7:21	7:45	8:15

Talal holds talks with De Cuellar

UNITED NATIONS, March 17 (AP) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz handed over to the U.N. Children's Fund More than $6 millions Tuesday from the Arab Gulf Program for the U.N. Development Organizations (AGFUND), of which he is president.

The Prince was calling on U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez De Cuellar at the latter's 8th-floor office here when he handed the money over to UNICEF Executive Director James Grant. This boosts to $11 million the amount AGFUND had paid on a $40-million pledge to the children's fund.

Prince Talal went to the secretary-general's office with Grant and Administrator Bradford Morse of the U.N. Development Program, another beneficiary of the Arab Gulf benevolent organization.

Talal discussed with the secretary-general activities of AGFUND, which includes Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Soccer tourney to be relayed live

RIYADH, March 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian radio and television will relay the inauguration of the sixth Arabian Gulf Football Tournament due to open in the United Arab Emirates Friday.

The radio and television will also relay the first match to be played after the inaugural function between the UAE and Qatar at the Zayed sports township in Abu Dhabi.

Meanwhile, Dr. Saleh ibn Nasser, assistant information undersecretary for radio and television, has approved the relay program as follows:

Day and date	Teams	Hour Relay media (STT)
March 19	UAE vs. Qatar	4 radio, television
March 20	Oman vs. Iraq	3 television
March 20	Bahrain vs. Kuwait	5 television
March 21	S. Arabia vs. UAE	4 radio, television
March 22	Qatar vs. Oman	3 television
March 22	Iraq vs. Bahrain	5 television
March 24	S. Arabia vs. Iraq	3 radio, television
March 24	UAE vs. Kuwait	5 television
March 25	Oman vs. Bahrain	4 television
March 26	Kuwait vs. S. Arabia	3 radio, television
March 26	Qatar vs. Iraq	5 television
March 27	Bahrain vs. UAE	4 television
March 29	Kuwait vs. Oman	3 television
March 29	Qatar vs. Saudi Arabia	5 radio, television
March 30	Iraq vs. UAE	4 television
March 31	Bahrain vs. Qatar	3 television
March 31	Oman vs. S. Arabia	5 radio, television
April 1	Iraq vs Kuwait	4 television
April 2	Bahrain vs. S. Arabia	3 radio, television
April 2	UAE vs. Oman	5 television
April 4	Qatar vs Kuwait	4 radio, television

Students going abroad undergo special courses

To highlight cultural differences

RIYADH, March 17 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Tuesday honored 78 Saudi students who attended the first special course at Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University before leaving on scholarship to the West. It had initially been decided that the University will provide two such courses a year, but now the number of courses will be raised to six per annum, the prince said.

The students' wives also attended special programs to highlight the cultural differences. Those who attended the courses received lectures on politics, economics, state security and energy problems. They also were briefed on Arab policy vis-a-vis the Palestinian cause and various Islamic and Arab issues everywhere.

Special emphasis was placed on what the prince termed as "destructive ideologies prevailing in the world." He pointed out that students must know the truth about such ideologies and be in a position to argue against them. The students also were acquainted with the flaws in the Western civilization, "certain aspects that have to be avoided and the systems of some Universities in the West."

But foremost among the subjects taught to the students before embarking on their trip is how Saudi Arabia managed to remain faithful to Islam alongside the extraordinary development boom it is undergoing. They were also given refreshment lectures on the Holy Prophet's Tradition and the history of the Caliphs.

Officials pointed out that the main purpose of the course is that the students act as their country's ambassadors wherever they go. Nevertheless, Prince Naif declared that shortly all the scientific and cultural requirements of the Kingdom's Universities will be totally adequate and there will be no need anymore to send students abroad.

Now that Saudi universities have reached a certain standard, scholarship missions have already been confined to specialities that are not taught at the Kingdom's universities, post graduate studies and persons who already worked at the state machinery. "Because such persons are mature enough and immunized."

The prince said that seeking knowledge has always been a top requirement for every society, anytime and anywhere in the world, especially in our days where the branches of knowledge have increased to such an extent that it is imperative to cope with them and catch up with progress and civilization.

But, scholarships having their advantages also present some negative aspects. However, it is indispensable to send the youths for training abroad, because there is no other alternative but to rely on the future generations for the country's civilization and construction process. "Otherwise we would lag behind and have to depend on and seek the assistance of aliens."

"But this does not mean in anyway that we accept such negative aspects and sustain them." Prince Naif said. "Unfortunately, such negative aspects have considerably increased along with the quarters hostile to Islam and hostile to the higher interests of the Arab world and of our own country." he added.

"Those quarters try to exploit our students who go on scholarship to achieve their notorious objectives. They try to keep our nationals from acquiring the knowledge they traveled for and, instead, sow doubt in their mind about their faith, their country and the latter's political, social and economic conditions. They simply try to mislead the students and send them back like dummies uncertain about anything," he said.

"The student has to know before anything else that he is a Muslim," Prince Naif said, "because Islam is the best faith the world has ever known. He should pride himself with it. He also has to behave in an exemplary manner toward others as ordained by God to the true Muslim. He always has to remember that it is in his country that God bestowed the highest honor on the Holy Prophet by revealing to him his Message, the Holy Quran. So it would be wrong to promote any other doctrine or ideology than Islam. It is Islam which projected us at the forefront; so how can one conceive of promoting anything else that would bring us to the rear."

Phone directors view E. Province projects

DAMMAM, March 17 (SPA) — Directors of Saudi Telephone centers in Eastern Province towns and cities met here to discuss progress of the department's projects related to the expansion program. The directors reviewed the achievements of the current year and projects to be implemented in next fiscal year.

These projects include extending the telephone service to new districts and areas not covered before. The directors also discussed improving service and facilitating formalities new applicants. Several decisions were taken during the meeting regarding the supervision of contractors and companies which cause damage to telephone lines.

Meanwhile, several committee have been formed to inspect all telephone installations in camps to be used during the pilgrimage season as part of the Makkah Telephone Department special preparations for the upcoming season.

The committee will submit reports on the conditions of the installations and the needs of building. The best means for securing personnel during the pilgrimage season's peak will also be proposed by the committees.

Meanwhile, Hassan Mattar, director of general affairs at the department, said Tuesday that international calls cabins in the area will be completed and dedicated within a few days. The number of telephones in Makkah reached 182,000, of which 50,000 are in service now. The Baiban exchange has a capacity of 26,000 lines, while the Khariq and Azizia exchanges hold 25,000 and 21,000 lines respectively.

The new 16,000-line Mansour exchange will come into operation during the next pilgrimage season, along with another exchange of 10,000 lines at Umrah now under construction, according to Mattar.

Agricultural bank issues 134 loans

AHSA, March 17 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Agricultural Bank granted 134 loans last month, totaling SR12 million.

The loans, given to farmers and animal husbandry project, were issued by te Hofuf, Qatif and Hafr-el-Batin branches.

Abdul Aziz Al-Uwaifeer, acting director of Hofuf branch, said Wednesday that the loans were used in purchasing agricultural machinery, chemical fertilizers and for digging wells. A SR5.6 million poultry farm also was financed to produce 900,000 chickens annually. Uwaifeer said that SR3.6 million was allocated for supply of construction materials, saplings, spare parts and fishing equipment. Another SR4.4 million was disbursed as assistance to poultry and dairy farm owners and farmers, he added.

Saudi importers participate in Thessaloniki marble show

By a Staff Writer

THESSALONIKI, March 17 — Leading Saudi Arabian marble importers were among other Greek and foreign representatives to attend the opening of Furdinec and Marmin, an international furniture and marble exhibition here this week.

Greek Commerce Minister Nicolas Akritids opened the event which is sponsored by Hellexpo, the second exhibit this year to be held in Thessaloniki.

Some 200 Greek firms and 50 firms from eight foreign countries (Spain, Austria, Belgium, Italy, France, West Germany, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria) participated. Although Saudi Arabian furniture manufacturers were not represented, numerous importers of furniture and marble from the Kingdom were invited. Representatives from Saudi Marble Co., Naji Sukaik Co. and Universal Imports Est., all major marble importers, were among those attending from Saudi Arabia.

The Kingdom is Greece's largest customer for marble, importing some $25 million worth of the key construction material last year. By comparison, marble imports in 1979 were only $5 million, jumping five-fold in two years. Greece is the Kingdom's second largest source of marble after Italy.

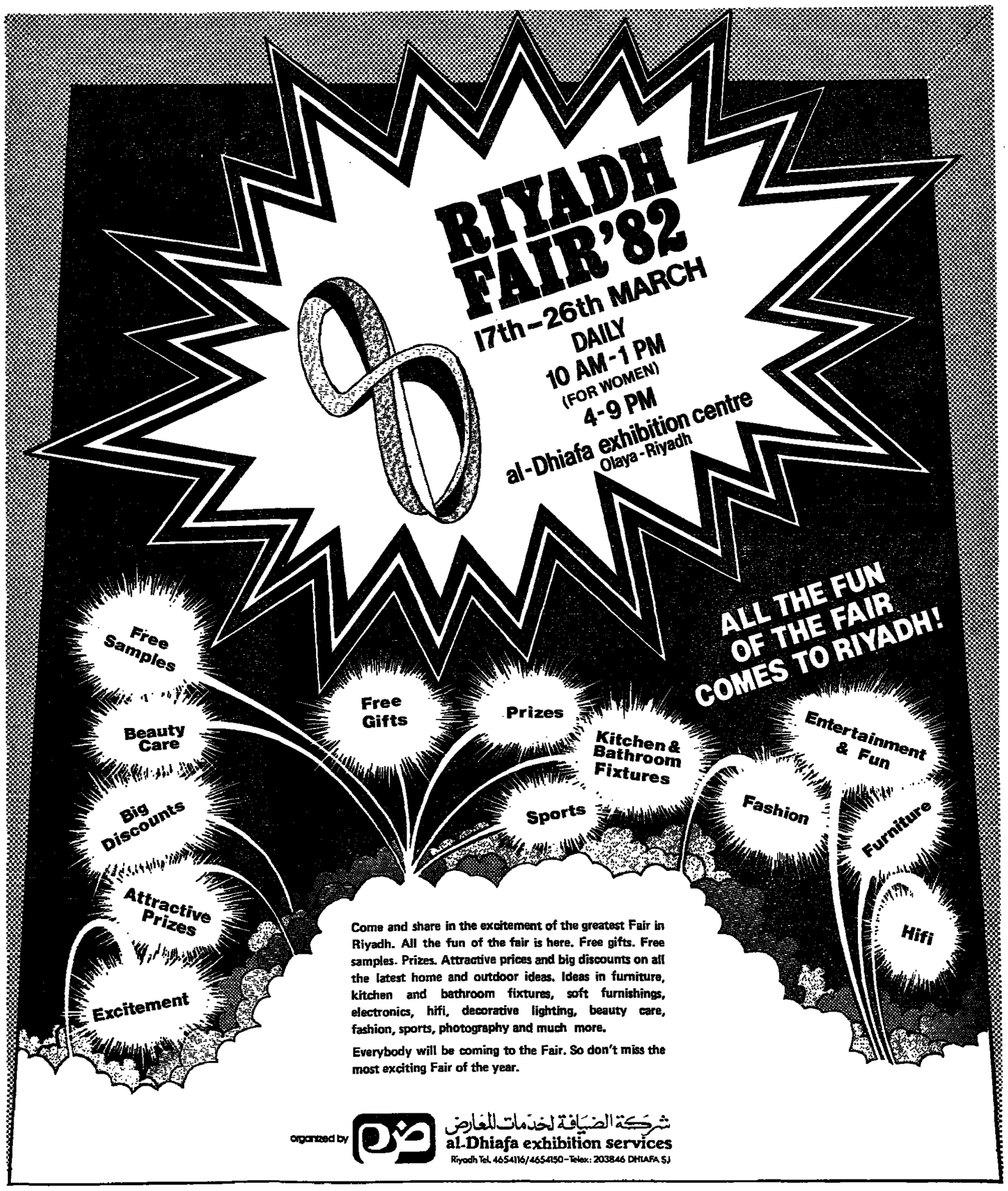
Other important Greek exports to Saudi Arabia are cement, aluminum products and foodstuffs. Exports reached a total value of some $300 million last year, up from $280 million in 1980.

After Furnidec and Marmin closes on March 21, Hellexpo will begin preparations for its next Thessaloniki exhibit, an international fair for food, beverage and associated equipment known as "Detrop." It will be held from May 24 to 31. A textile exhibit is scheduled for June, and the Thessaloniki International Trade Fair will take place Sept. 12 to 26. Arab countries are expected to be represented at these events by country and company pavilions as well as buyers.

Canadian mission due

DHAHRAN, March 17 (SPA) — A Canadian trade delegation will arrive here Saturday for talks on boosting trade and industry cooperation with the Eastern Province's Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The delegation's members are expected to meet businessmen in the region to discuss the possibility of promoting trade exchange and other marketing issues.



Sharon to visit Cairo

Egypt-Israel talks on Sinai issue fail

TEL AVIV, March 17 (AP) — Egypt and Israel failed to solve their dispute over the location of their future area of demarcation but expressed confidence Wednesday that they would find a solution before Israel's final withdrawal from the Sinai April 25.

At a joint news conference winding up Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali's two-day visit to Israel, Ali and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said they expected to meet later this month in Cairo for more negotiations on the issue.

There appeared to be little progress on setting a date for a visit here by Egyptian President Hosni Mudarak. The Egyptian leader dropped plans for a visit after Israel insisted he visit Jerusalem.

Sharon forcefully reiterated Israel's insistence on Mubarak going to Jerusalem. He said he did not understand why negotiations cannot take place in Jerusalem. We cannot agree to that."

Ali said there had been "a misunderstanding" about the visit. He noted that Prime Minister Menahem Begin had renewed his invitation to Mubarak to come here, and said the matter would be discussed. But he refused to say when the visit might occur.

The two ministers said they had virtually settled the problem of the northern sector which will run through the Arab town of Rafah.

Ali said a subcommittee would demarcate the Rafah sector without doing any harm to the population there. But 15 other areas are still in dispute, primarily the southern Red Sea end.

But the ministers expressed the certainty that the problem would not slow the peace forces. Said Ali: "I think there is no possibility whatsoever that we will come at the end of this long process to a standstill. We will move ahead."

400 U.S. troops arrive in Sinai

SHARM-EL-SHEIKH, Occupied Sinai, March 17 (AFP) — Four hundred U.S. soldiers, the first active patrol group of the multinational peacekeeping force for the Sinai, landed Wednesday at this town on the northern tip of the Sinai peninsula.

Upon disembarking from an Israeli 747 jet, they presented arms to the force's commander-in-chief Norwegian Gen. Fredrik Bull-Hausen. The force will eventually include between 2,500 and 3,000 men from 10 nations. It is expected to be almost completely deployed by the end of March. The final Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai is set for April 25.

The force will guard a 50-kms wide band along the Egyptian-Israeli truce lines and 20 kms along the Gulf of Aqaba. About 300 troops were already in the region, but they were mainly involved in building and supplying barracks rather than in patrolling.

The U.S. arrivals, from the 1,505th Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division, are also members of the U.S. Rapid Intervention Force. A second U.S. contingent is expected here later Wednesday with 450 Fijians due to arrive Thursday and 360 Colombians and Uruguayans and 70 U.S. pilots Friday.

On Saturday, 120 Australians and New Zealanders and 70 Dutch will arrive.

Arafat sees Egypt return to Arabs

NEW YORK, March 17 (R) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said in a television interview Tuesday night he was sure Egypt would return to the Arab fold once it had regained Sinai from Israel next month.

He added that he considered the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace process between Israel and Egypt dead. Asked in the interview, shown in the United States, whether Egyptian President Hosni Bubarak would be a friend of the Palestinians after the Israeli withdrawal, Arafat replied: "All the Egyptian people are very near to the Palestinian people." Pressed again specifically on Mubarak, he said: "Yes, no doubt of it."

Asked whether Egypt might even become an adversary of Israel, the PLO chairman replied: "This year is a very important year and the whole political map (of the Middle East) will be drawn from the beginning."

In response to another question, Arafat said he did not know whether Mubarak would change his attitude toward Israel after the handover of Sinai. However, Arafat said: "I am sure of one thing, that the Egyptian masses, the Egyptian people, the Egyptian army will make the change. Don't forget what happened to (assassinated President Anwar) Sadat is not from a small group, it is the army."

He added that what he described as "this heroic army" was close to the Palestinian people. Asked whether a new initiative in the Middle East, such as the PLO's recognition of Israel, was not needed, he said: "Even if it is from the victims?" "First we are the victims and we are insistent not to give this card to our enemies...I don't want to be a traitor like Sadat. If I lose the confidence of my people, I'll be useless."

Ruling party clashes kill 17 in Kabul

NEW DELHI, March 17 (AP) — Despite strong official calls for unity, 17 members of Afghanistan's ruling party were killed recently in two apparent cases of intra-party squabbling. Western diplomatic reports said here Tuesday.

Five members of the dominant Parcham (flag) faction of the Peoples' Democratic Party of Afghanistan were shot to death near a grain storage silo in Kabul, said separate reports from two sources who asked not to be identified.

One report said the shooting occurred the night of March 10, however, while the other said it was the following day. One of the unconfirmed reports added that 12 members of the Khalq (masses) wing of the party were slain last Thursday in the Karte Seh section of the Afghan capital.

The continuing friction between the two factions was highlighted Sunday by President Babrak Karmal when he opened the short-lived PDPA conference in Kabul with a call for "complete unity in the party rank and file, as well as leadership..." Western analysts had speculated earlier that party unity would be a major theme of the conference, the first since the PDPA was created in 1965 and which was abruptly adjourned on the second day, reportedly because of heavy boycotting by both Parchamis and Khalqis.

U.N. Assembly urges donations to UNRWA funds

UNITED NATIONS, March 17 (R) — The General Assembly has called for new or increased contributions to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA), which faces a deficit this year of more than $50 million.

The action, taken without a vote, was the first order of business as the 157-nation assembly resumed a session recessed last December 18. Only a handful of other items remain to be disposed of, including the financing of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), now being increased in size from 6,000 to 7,000 men.

Saddam Hussein, Ulusu hold talks

BEIRUT, March 17 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein met Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu in Baghdad Wednesday and discussed bilateral relations, the official Iraqi News Agency INA said.

Ulusu is on a three-day visit at the head of a 24-man delegation including private businessmen. The Turkish prime minister is also a member of the Islamic Conference Organization (OIC) committee mediating in the Gulf war between Iraq and Iran.

Meanwhile, the Syrian news agency Sana said in Damascus that Syria and Iran believe the non-aligned summit conference due to be held in Baghdad in September should be either postponed or moved to another capital.

Red Cross team told of brutality

Golan village put on curfew

TEL AVIV, March 17 (R) — Israeli forces placed an overnight curfew on the Golan Heights village of Majdul Shams following disturbances among Druze residents, a military spokesman said Wednesday.

Israeli radio said youths tried to overt a military vehicle and break through an army roadblock. The Heights have been closed to non-residents for three weeks during a general strike by the Druze angered by the arrest of four leaders for resisting Israel's illegal annexation of the plateau from Syria last December.

Meanwhile, an International Red Cross delegate inspected the four Druze Muslim villages on the Golan Heights Tuesday for the first time since the Israeli Army began blockading them more than three weeks ago.

A group of women complained of brutality by soldiers, unjustified arrests, a shortage of food and milk for children and a measles epidemic. An army spokesman Tuesday had claimed only four cases of measles.

Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich said after a tour of the Heights Tuesday the army would stop isolating the villages from each other "if calm is restored."

Of insulting court

Sadat trial attorney found guilty

CAIRO, March 17 (AP) — The military court has found a top lawyer in the assassination trial of the late President Anwar Sadat guilty of contempt of court and given him a six-month suspended sentence, security sources said Tuesday.

Lawyer Abdul Haleem Ramadan was arrested earlier this month during one of the secret hearings in the Sadat assassination case and charged with insulting the court. Ramadan defended Lt. Khaled Islambouly, found guilty of killing Sadat and sentenced to death.

The Supreme Military Court dismissed Ramadan and 34 other defense lawyers March 1, appointed a new defense team and announced verdicts five days later. In a telephone interview with the Associated Press, Ramadan said he would appeal the ruling. "Anyone who sees the minutes of the hearings can see they contain no disrespect to the judge," he said. "I was only doing my job and honestly defending my client."

The Supreme State Security Council has accused Ramadan of illegally revealing secret information about the closed-door hearings. Ramadan denied this.

Iraq submits new plan for ending war

MANAMA, March 17 (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is formally submitting new proposals to Islamic mediators on ending his 18-month-old war with Iran.

The Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, in a report from Baghdad, said Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hamad Alwan left for Guinea Wednesday to deliver Saddam's written proposals to Guinean President Sekou Toure. Toure is head of a nine-member Islamic Good Offices Committee which launched a new bid earlier this month, with visits to both Iran and Iraq, in an effort to mediate a settlement.

Brother of Iranian ambassador shot dead

BONN, March 17 (R) — The brother of Iran's ambassador to West Germany has been shot dead in Tehran and an embassy spokesman said the killing seemed linked to leftist Mujabeddin guerrillas. The spokesman said Ahmad Navab, a 22-year-old schoolteacher and brother of Iranian ambassador Mehdi Navab, was gunned down in daylight in a street last Sunday.

For Communist propaganda

Two editors given jail terms in Turkey

ISTANBUL, March 17 (AP) — Military courts here convicted two leftist editors of charges they were indulged in "Communist propaganda" and "ridiculed" Turkey's security forces, a military source said Wednesday.

The source, who requested anonymity, said Ali Rabus, the chief editor of the now-closed *Unity Road*, was sentenced to eight years and eight months imprisonment by a court martial. He was found guilty of "Communist propaganda" and "ridiculing" the country's armed forces in an article titled "Workers of the Kurdish and Turkish Peoples" that appeared in the newspaper in March 1980.

In another trial, Feyzullah Ozer of the *The Mass* Socialist monthly drew one year six months in jail for an article titled "The Great October Revolution and the Contemporary World." The prosecutor had alleged that the article praised the Communist revolution in Russia and advocated a similar takeover in NATO member Turkey.

Meanwhile, in Ankara, a former minister of customs and monopolies Tuesday was sentenced to 36 years in prison on conviction of taking 150 million Turkish liras ($1 million) in bribes over a period of 22 months and aiding arms smugglers.

Tuncay Mataraci, who served as customs minister from January 1978 to October 1979 under Premier Bulent Ecevit, was convicted by Turkey's 15-member constitutional court which tried a government ministers for the first time since its establishment in 1961.

The court also fined Mataraci 787 million Turkish liras ($5.2 million). In addition to the bribery and smuggling charges, Mataraci was also accused of nepotism, for having placed relatives and friends in key positions in the ministry and at customs check points and of having spent government money for personal travels. The indictment against him said Mataraci had spent 323 days out of a total 677 days in office traveling.

Kidnapped diplomat released

BEIRUT, March 17 (R) — A British diplomat kidnapped on the way to his embassy in west Beirut Monday was released unharmed Tuesday, his family said.

Muhammad Mokdad, second secretary at the British Embassy, was left by the kidnappes in Beirut's southern suburbs and took a taxi to return home, it was stated. Relatives refused to say whether any arrangement had been made with the kidnappers.

Embassy officials said earlier an anonymous telephone caller had demanded $150,000 for his release. Mokdad, described as exhausted and shaken by his ordeal, has worked at the embassy for more than 40 years and has dual Lebanese and British nationality.

"He just walked into the house. He had taken a cab. He didn't say anything when he came in but there were shouts and cries from the family who were obviously overjoyed. He just went and washed his face and then asked for a glass of orange juice," his son Hassan told the Associated Press.

Hassan said his father was not mistreated while he was being held at an unknown location.

Some Lebanese politicians have spoken of a campaign to rid Beirut of diplomats by threats, bombings and other violence.

Kuwait and Jordan have called most of their embassy staff home for special leave. Iraq, whose embassy was destroyed in an explosion last December, has rented new premises in a part of east Beirut where the Lebanese Army provides protection.

Elizabeth, Qaboos stress mutual ties

LONDON, March 17 (Agencies) — Police blew up a suspect car near Buckingham Palace Tuesday and diverted a state procession carrying Queen Elizabeth and the ruler of Oman.

The parked car, suspected of holding a bomb, proved to be harmless, police said. Police spotted the car in the broad, tree-lined mall leading to the palace shortly before Sultan Qaboos Bin Said and the queen were due to pass in a horse-drawn carriage with cavalry escort.

Anti-terrorist squad officers set offa controlled explosion which damaged the French-built Renault car. "We thought it looked suspicious and might possibly have contained explosives and we were not prepared to take chances," a police spokesman said.

Instead of travelling up the mall, the carriage bringing the two monarchs from London's Victoria Rail station took a parallel road known as Birdcage Walk. The Sultan began a four-day visit to Britain Tuesday.

The queen, who visited Oman last year said: "In few places can so much have been achieved in so short a time. The basic infrastructure of roads, , ports, airports, power stations, schools, hospitals and public services have been established."

She said Britain looked forward to further cooperation with Oman in education, industry, commerce, health and defense." The sultanate today holds a key strategic position, both because of political developments in the region and because of the vital sea traffic that passes its shores."

The sultan replied that Britain had played a notable part in almost every sphere of Oman's National development. In a reference to British help in his war against Communist guerrillas, he added: "We do not lightly forget the help we received during those same years.

Bahraini diplomats leave Beirut

BEIRUT, March 17 (AP) — Two Bahraini diplomats reportedly left Beirut hurriedly as the Lebanese government expressed concern Wednesday over an exodus of foreign missions from this war-torn country that began last week with the departures of Kuwait's ambassador and Jordan's charge d'affaires.

The Lebanese French-language newspaper *L 'Orient Le Jour* said Bahrain's charge d'affaires Muhammad Abdallah Bahloul and second secretary Abdul Rahman Taki left Beirut with their families without informing the Lebanese Foreign Ministry of their departure plans.

Sources at the foreign ministry said that Bahrain's ambassador to Lebanon was on home leave for reasons of ill health and confirmed the charge d'affaires had left Lebanon but said he was being transferred to London.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan said the cabinet had discussed the security of diplomats in Beirut, adding: "Although the Lebanese authorities have provided protection, they cannot provide any guarantees."

Lebanese state television Monday said the Tunisian charge d'affaires here had informed Lebanon's President Elias Sarkis that he would soon be leaving.

BRIEFS

SANAA, (R) — Four persons were slightly injured when an Air France airliner with 150 persons aboard caught fire on take-off from Sanaa Airport Wednesday, airport officials said. The passengers were evacuated by the airport authorities. The fire started in one of the engines of the airbus and spread to the flight deck and other parts of the plane, officials said.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — India Wednesday ordered Iraqi assistant attache Abdul Razzak Al Khalaf, based at the Iraqi consulate in Bombay, to leave the country immediately as the diplomat shot and injured an Iranian student following an altercation at a restaurant.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — A new town — whose first residents will be 1,800 families of defense ministry officials — is being built on the Israeli-occupied West Bank, *The Haaretz* newspaper reported Wednesday.

KUWAIT, (R) — Kuwait released 420 prisoners Wednesday under an annual amnesty marking its national day, Feb. 25, the Interior Ministry said.

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SIGNS OF ESCALATION

A while ago, when the so-called "missile crisis" in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon was in the headlines, Israeli Prime Minister Begin said that his orders to solve it by an air attack had already been issued, only they couldn't be carried out because of adverse weather conditions.

The weather changed many times over the Bekaa since then, and the "missile crisis" has long yielded its place to the "Palestinian concentrations crisis" in the Lebanese South. But this too seems to be determined by the weather, as the Israelis are reported to say that an all out attack on South Lebanon was foiled by the heavy rain on the area last month.

This latest crisis at least, which started last summer as the Israelis began to mass along the Lebanese border, shows no sign of ending. In fact, it is steadily escalating, with talk reaching such detail as that of the caliber, number and disposition of Palestinian guns in the area, together with the probable routes of the Israeli strike and the scale involved.

Meanwhile, the Israelis are soon to face a new complication. The additional United Nations force is to be stationed in such a way as to block the gap through which a land invasion is to come, and that sector will be manned primarily by French detachments which realize that their function is expected to be far from merely symbolic.

Saudi Arabian press review

The useful outcome of the meetings of the Gulf Cooperation Council's specialized committees, the widening rifts among the African states arising from the irresponsible policies of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, and the illegal Israeli practices in the West Bank appeared in editorial comment in Wednesday's newspapers.

Dealing with the meetings of he GCC specialized committees, ***Al-Riyadh*** said the meetings were necessary for laying a firm infrastructure to the council. The paper noted that economic agreements among the GCC states have led to a phase of total unity and full integration of their resources and potentials.

"Moreover, the joint projects of the GCC states are fully dependent on their common source, namely oil, which is the most important source of energy in the world," it added.

Commenting on Qaddafi's policies in Africa, ***Al-Madinah*** said, "Qaddafi's policies in Africa have widened the rifts among the African states."

"Qaddafi has complicated the Western Sahara issue through his blind support for the Polisario at a time when all African states had been voicing their support for Moroccan King Hassan's Western Sahara peace initiative," the paper wrote.

It called for a firm African stand against Qaddafi's policies "which aim to split African states."

While stressing that Qaddafi's policies in Africa are placing the whole continent on the verge of a collapse, the paper said Qaddafi's final aim is to liquidate the Organization of African Unity (OAU) "so as to pave the way for his own masterminded-organization."

Al-Jazirah strongly condemned the designs of Israeli enemy in the establishment of village leagues in the West Bank.

"By setting up such leagues, the Zionist enemy aims to carry out its long-term strategies in the region," the paper said. It called for the dissolution of such leagues, "which pose a great danger to the Palestinian struggle in the West Bank."

Al-Jazirah urged the Palestine Liberation Organization to counter the Israeli plots and designs in the West Bank and seek a suitable alternative for such leagues.

On the same subject, ***Al-Nadwa*** said the revolt underway in the towns and villages of the West Bank is clearly demonstrating the inhabitants' total rejection of any Israeli-introduced plans for solving their problem.

The paper hailed the steadfastness and foresight of the people of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the face of Zionist maneuvers to liquidate their national struggle. It also lauded the Palestinian struggle against the oppressive enemy, "who is trying to legitimize its occupation of Palestinian lands." The paper called for more aid and support for the Palestinian struggle. (SPA)

Sri Lanka bid to isolate Mrs. Bandaranaike

By Lucien Rajakaruna

COLOMBO — The right-wing government of Sri Lanka intends to isolate former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike by destroying any political group associated with her. Five years after defeating Mrs Bandaranaike at the polls and two years after stripping her of civic rights, President Junius Jayewardene still regards her as his toughest political opponent.

Moves to re-unite the former prime minister's divided Freedom Party together with overtures to her son Anura Bandaranaike to get him to rejoin his mother on the same platform have spurred the government to bring in new laws to remove her completely from politics.

Mrs. Bandaranaike was stripped of her civic rights in 1979, preventing her from contesting any election or holding public office for seven years. New laws being drafted would make it a corrupt practice for anyone stripped of civic rights to canvass for, publicly support or speak on the platform of any candidate or political party.

The laws, already approved by the ruling United National Party cabinet, are not confined to the period of an election but cover any time before or after an election. Any candidate publicly supported by Mrs. Bandaranaike would be disqualified and all votes cast for such a candidate or party would be deleted from the count under a new proportional representation system.

The announcement of these moves followed reported discussions in India between Mrs. Bandaranaike, on a trip there, with her close friend and political ally Mrs. Indira Gandhi. The Indian prime minister is said to have advised Mrs Bandaranaike of the dangers of a continued rift in the Freedom Party. Anura Bandaranaike is also expected to meet Mrs. Gandhi soon.

The Jayewardene government hopes to deepen the rift in the Freedom Party which emerged soon after Mrs. Bandaranaike lost her civic rights after being accused of abuse of power while in office. Deputy leader Maitripala Senanayake staked his leadership claim and was supported by Anura, who objected to the personal control his mother had exercised over the party machine.

The party divided, with rival factions calling themselves the Freedom Party (S) — for Sirimavo Bandaranaike — and Freedom Party (M) — for Maitripala Senanayake — similar to the rival Congress parties in India.

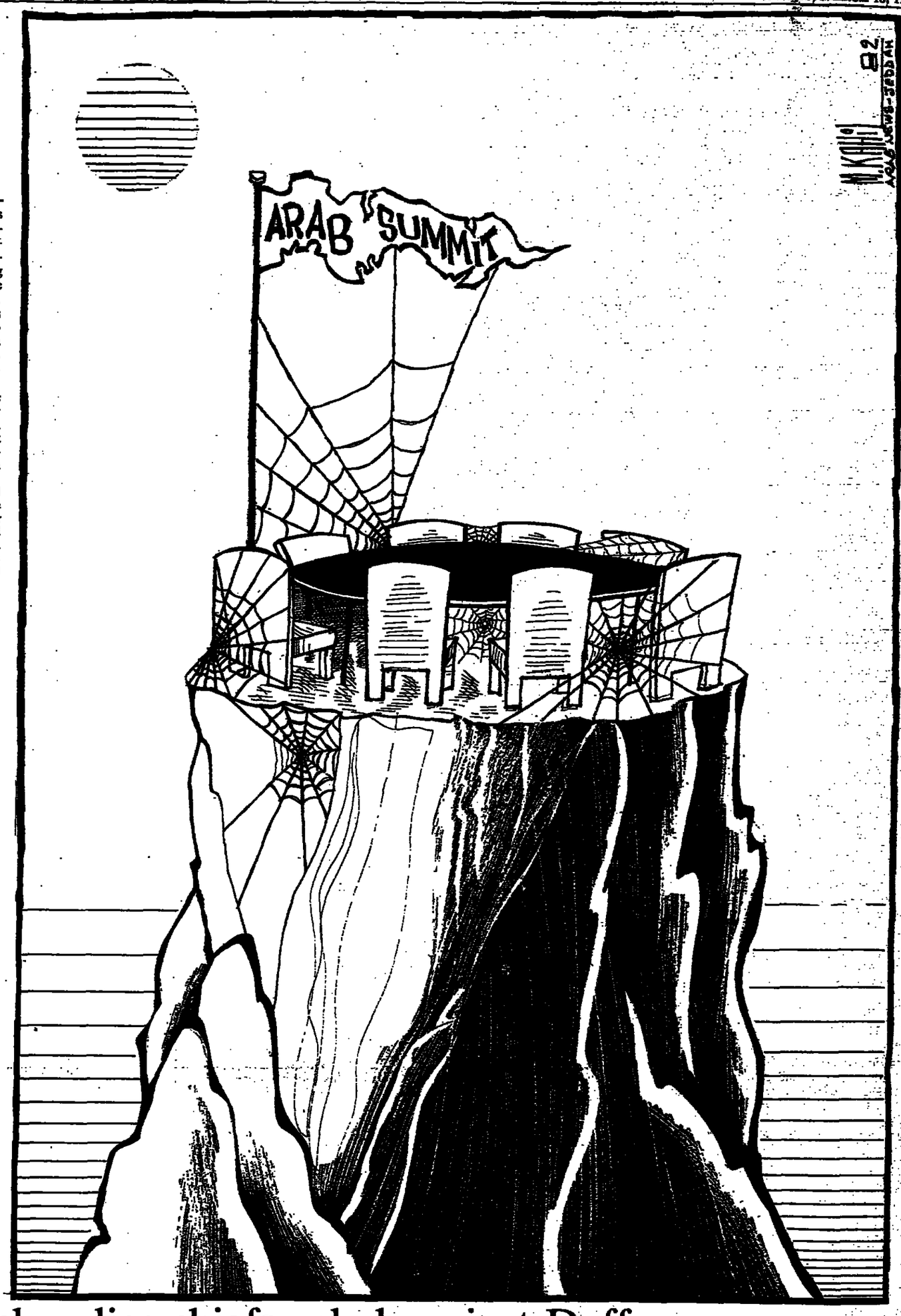
The government added to the rivalry by awarding ownership of the disputed party headquarters and party press to Senanayake's breakaway faction. Both groups are now battling to retain the hand symbol with which the party swept the polls three times and which has a strong Buddhist sigificance.

The latest government moves are likely to bring mother and son together to fight the new threat to her political position. Anura Bandaranaike, on behalf of the rival Freedom Party, has already declared that the new laws are aimed solely at his mother.

The government is concerned by the continuing popularity of Mrs. Bandaranaike. She draws huge crowds at public rallies as the cost of living rises with inflation, drought affects huge areas forcing people to live on charity and corruption in government ranks is exposed daily.

The government hopes the new laws will persuade Freedom Party members, and the leftists who aim to form a common front with them, to keep Mrs. Bandaranaike out of the campaign for the next election, officially due in July 1983 but likely to be held later this year or early next.

However, as the government faces increasing credibility problems with its failure to keep its election pledges, the anti-Bandaranaike laws are likely to increase support for her party. And if the government goes ahead with her exclusion the path will be clear for Anura Bandaranaike to take over the leadership of a re-united party. (ONS)



French police chiefs rebel against Defferre

By Robin Smyth

PARIS — Four hundred senior French police officers have launched a rebellion against their commander-in-chief, Interior Minister Gaston Defferre. In an unprecedented gesture of defiance, they have publicly accused him of establishing a parallel left-wing police hierarachy.

At a meeting last week the 400 *commissaires* and *inspecteurs* drew up a letter to President Mitterrand protesting against Defferre's purge of the present police hierarchy and his choice of advisers from a left-wing trade union which has strong support among the police rank and file.

The incident which ignited the revolt was Defferre's bid to dislodge Commissaire Marcel Leclerc, head of the Crime Squad, by appointing him as police chief of Marseilles.

Defferre, who as well as being a Socialist and a millionaire newspaper proprietor is mayor of Marseilles, insisted that the posting could not be considered a demotion. But Leclerc's cases have made him one of the two or three *Super-flics* — the best-known policeman in France. Among the tacit privileges of Leclerc and his colleagues at their celebrated Quai des Orfevres headquarters on the Seine is that their whole careers will be spent in Paris.

The minister would hear none of this and said that if Leclerc persisted in his refusal he would be "broken". When the famous commissaire continued to resist, Defferre relegated him to the sinecure of inspector general of the Paris Police. This was too much for Leclerc's boss, Commissaire Francois Le Mouel, director of the Paris judicial police, who protested that there had not been "the minimum of consultation" and offered his resignation.

A furious Defferre thundered from his Marseilles town hall: "The minister is at the top of the hierarchy and everyone should obey him. Any other course can only lead to disorder." Making no further attempt to reason with the two police chiefs, Defferre announced the names of their successors.

The Socialist government stood squarely behind Defferre, but the timing of the revolt is causing some worry to his cabinet colleagues. France is in the middle of a two-week local election campaign with polls on March 14 and 21 — the first test of the Socialist government's popularity since its landslide legislative election victory in the wake of President Mitterrand's election last summer.

There has been nothing in the history of the Quai des Orfevres like the meeting of the 400 *commissaires* and *inspecteurs*, all in civilian clothes and many wearing leather jackets without ties. Some stars of the French CID were among the audience. Speakers linked Defferre with the FASP, the Socialist-inlcined trade union which, with 65 percent of the unionized support, is the largest of the police unions. The commissaires accused the FASP of reinforcing its permanent criticism of the police hierarchy by means of direct access to Defferre's office.

What the Left holds against the police is their failure to solve major political crimes like the bombing of the Rue Copernic syngogue, the murder of the Prince de Broglie and the assassination by right-wing terrorists of two left-wing activists, Henri Curiel and Pierre Goldman.

Defferre spoke of Leclerc having "some successes but some failures." Perhaps to sidestep charges of political bias, the minister was even harsher about Commissaire Le Mouel, who is known to have Socialist sympathies. The "grave fault" of Le Mouel, Defferre said, was to have concealed from him serious leaks of information in Le Mouel's office. The leaks referred to by Defferre were tipoffs from a high-ranking police official to drug smugglers.

Once the 400 had framed a letter asking Mitterrand to intervene, their defiance began to falter. Moreover the rift between those who give and those who take orders is not the only division of opinion in the French police. There are police chiefs who do not agree with their rebellious colleagues — in fact the whole police organization is full of rival factions.

Defferre knows there are other *commissaires* ready to take the places of those who oppose him. His final scathing obituary on the rebellion was Clemenceau's dictim: "The cemeteries are full of irreplaceable men." (ONS)

Vietnamese, Khmers locked in fierce fighting

By Catherine Campbell

BANGKOK — Vietnamese forces are fighting a vigorous dry season offensive against Kampuchean Khmer Rouge guerrillas, inflicting losses, but are unlikely to crush them, Western military sources say. The offensive, marked by sporadic bursts of fierce fighting in the rugged Phnom Malai mountains along Kampuchea's western border with Thailand, began in mid-January.

"The Vietnamese have about six weeks left to drive the Khmer Rouge out of their strongholds before the rains start and the guerrillas regain the advantage," the sources said.

"The Vietnamese are using a lot of punch but the Khmer Rouge are confident. They say they are cutting off Vietnamese ammunition supplies and that the Vietnamese are running out of water," the sources said. "But both sides are believed to be taking a lot of casualties."

An estimated 10,000 Vietnamese troops are fighting a two-pronged battle against about 9,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas in the Phnom Malai region, about 280 kms northeast of Bangkok, the sources said. "Phnom Malai has always been a thorn in the side of the Vietnamese occupation force in Kampuchea," the sources went on. "The Vietnamese tried and failed to clean out the Khmer Rouge from there a year ago. It's an ideal place for the guerrillas to harass Vietnamese communications and supply convoys."

About 30,000 Khmer Rouge, backed by Peking, have been fighting a Vietnamese force of about 200,000 men since Hanoi-led troops toppled the Khmer Rouge government in Phnom Penh in January 1979.

The Khmer Rouge radio, which daily broadcasts its military successes, also claims a high rate of desertion among the Vietnamese soldiers. Both sides suffer badly from malaria. The Vietnamese push, although the most intense since 1979, is nonetheless limited since it has largely ignored other Khmer Rouge concentrations along the Thai-Kampuchean border, military sources said.

The sources expressed surprise that the Vietnamese had also left alone other resistance groups based along the border, including about 8,000 troops of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) led by former Prime Minister Son Sann and the much smaller Moulinaka group of former head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

However, this week a 130-mm Vietnamese shell fell on the large border Kampuchean refugee camp of Nong Chan about 50 kms north of Phnom Malai, killing civilians and wounding 36, refugee sources said. Both the KPNLF and the Moulinaka have bases on the edge of the camp, which houses about 45,000 Kampucheans.

The apparent aim of the Vietnamese offensive is to surround the Khmer Rouge position in Phnom Malai, cutting off the guerrillas' vital supply routes from Thailand, military sources said. "This has not happened yet. But the Khmer Rouge have forfeited some ground."

At least a thousand Khmer Rouge villagers have been uprooted by the Phnom Malai fighting, refugee sources said. "The Khmers are arriving at the border and putting up improvised shelters," the sources said. "It looks like they want to stay until the rainy season."

Relief workers said that if Khmer Rouge village administrators requested food aid for the displaced civilians the United Nations-backed Border Relief Operation (BRO) probably would supply it.

Thai villagers living along the border are frequently affected by artillery and mortar fire from across the border, Thai military sources reported. Several residents of Thai border villages have been killed or wounded by stray shells in recent months and Thai troops have fired artillery back across the border in response, the sources said. (R)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 18th, the 77th day of 1982. There are 288 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1554 — Britain's Princess Elizabeth is sent to Tower of London for suspected complicity in Sir Thomas Wyatt's rebellion.

1584 — Feodore, last of the Rurix dynasty, succeeds as tsar of Russia on death of Ivan the terrible.

1848 — Revolution breaks out in Milan against Austrian rule and Joseph Radetsky's forces abandon city.

1897 — Allied blockade of Crete begins on Greece's refusal to withdraw troops.

1903 — French religious orders are dissolved.

1913 — Greece's King George I is assassinated in Salonika.

1922 — Mahatma Gandhi is sentenced to six years in prison in India for civil disobedience.

1937 — More than 400 people, mostly children, are killed in gas explosion in school in New London, Texas, in the United States.

1962 — Ceasefire in Algerian war is signed by French and Algerian rebel delegations in Evian-les-Baine, France.

1969 — The United States and Soviet Union propose international treaty to ban nuclear weapons from ocean floor.

1970 — Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk is deposed as chief of state while he is on visit to Moscow; twenty persons are killed as mobs enforce strike called by Marxists in India's state of West Bengal.

1978 — The United States asks the U.N. Security Council to call for immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon.

Thought for today:

Customs may not be as wise as laws, but they are always more popular — Benjamin Disreali, English statesman (1804-1881).

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20 painters exhibit

'Cultural Week' highlights art

By Gregory Llewellyn
Alkhobar Bureau

ALKHOBAR — The work of 20 Eastern Province artists is on display in an art show at the Meridien Hotel, the first of several cultural events to take place this week in Dammam and Alkhobar.

Grouped under the title "Premiere Cultural Week" and sponsored by the General Department of Youth Welfare, the week features an address by Mohammed Al-Ali and an Arabic-language play besides the exhibition of paintings which was opened by Sheikh Faisal al-Shaheel, general president of the railways.

Sheikh al-Shaheel was conducted on a tour of the paintings display by Abdul Rahman Alsuleiman, whose own work was included in the exhibition.

Having worked eight years as a teacher in Damma, Alsuleiman first adopted a Picasso-like cubist style as reflected in his painiting, *The Forenoon Time*. He now favors a more purely decorative way with paint as evinced in his recent compositions where sand is layered on the canvas to provide a texture which is then painted in earthly colors.

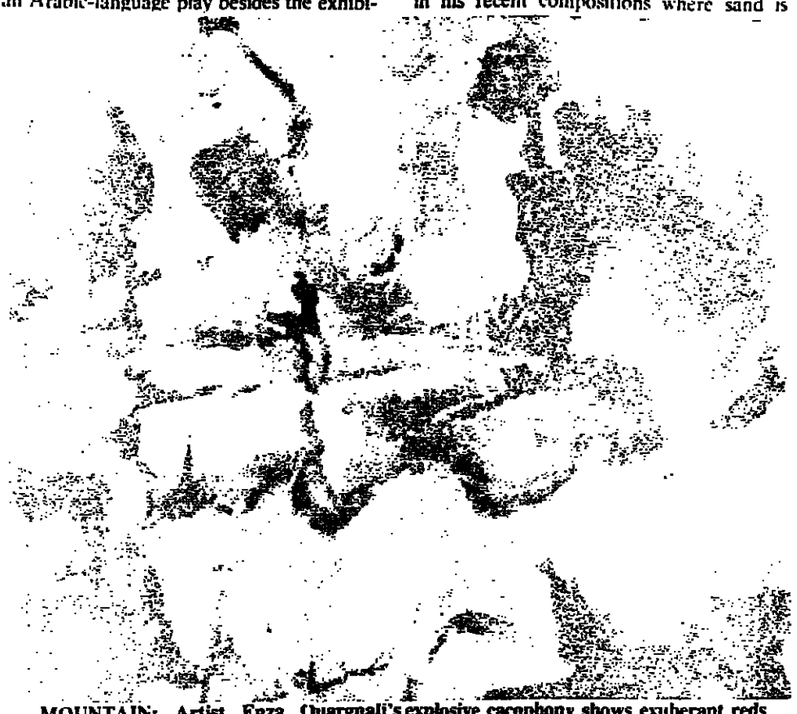
More immediately connected to mainstream Arab art is the work of Abdullah Al-Sheikh, who studied (1959-1963) at the Fine Arts Institute in Baghdad. An almost tangible feeling for folklore pervades Al-Sheikh's paintings, with their quilt-like juxtaposition of vigorous color, bold, flat surfaces, and popular imagery.

Islamic themes appear in the architectural details which serve to focus the viewer's eye in these paintings of mosques and dreaming maidens. Al-Sheikh, who studied textile design in London, worked as a textile designer and engraver in Baghdad (1970-80) before assuming his present post as production manager at Dammam's Mutawa Press. A sense of textile pattern is still evident in precisely delineated blocks throughout the artist's canvases.

As might be expected in an exhibition of this sort, Arabic calligraphy provides the very substance of some compositions. Quranic scripture forms the subject of Muhammed Wajih Madwar's oils in which the lettering — sometimes in gold, sometimes in a kaleidoscope of various colors — is offset against a storm of blues and greens.

One of Enza Quargnali's submissions, *Pomegranates and Islamic Motif*, aims at a synthesis of her previous and Arab experience. The gamut of her experiments, however, runs from the machine-precise shadings and linear elegance of *The Dreamer* to the explosive cacophony of *Mountain* in which exuberant reds and flesh tones blur in vortices of controlled turbulence.

Deeply rooted in a Western art tradition, Maureen Ursery's colored-pencil *Portrait* essays a visual contradiction in which the massive and eccentric bulk of the subject is portrayed in the Victorian pastels of Gold Coast Chicago. Such a technique, in the hands of a competent artist, applied to something to which it seems so alien, produces a weird harmony which can only be described by an oxymoron like 'coarse delicacy.'



MOUNTAIN: Artist Enza Quargnali's explosive cacophony shows exuberant reds and flesh tones blurred in vortices of controlled turbulence.

PAINTING DISPLAY TOURED: General President of the Railways Sheikh Faisal Al-Shaheel was conducted on a tour of the paintings display by Abdul Rahman Al-Suleiman, whose own work was included in the exhibition.

British police face confidence crisis

LONDON, (PTI): Britain's police force, once the envy of the world, is now facing a crisis of confidence, coming under increasing attack from the media and the public for its various acts of commission and omission.

Its handling of recent rape cases and methods of questioning of rape victims dramatized in the BBC "Fly on the Wall," TV documentary — one of the series on the Thames Valley constabulary have predictably aroused public indignation and anger.

The police federation chairman, Jim Jardine, admits that the controversy over the TV film has given the police the worst publicity it has ever had.

An opinion poll conducted by the Sunday newspaper, ***Observer***, showed that confidence in the Thamas Valley police dropped sharply among the community in the area after screening of the BBC program which showed the grilling of an alleged rape victim by three detectives.

Another poll in the ***Sunday Times*** showed that a clear majority of the people believe that the police have little sympathy for women reporting rape.

Apart from the reaction to the BBC film, the home secretary William Whitelaw's statement on the way in which the Yorkshire police handled the Ripper case was also not flattering to the image of the British police. He told the Commons that some of the Ripper's victims should be alive but for police mistakes and inefficiency.

It took five and a half years of investigation to put the Yorkshire Ripper Peter Sutcliffe behind bars. By that time he had killed as many as 15 women.

The disclosure by the ***Observer***, about the case of a Nigerian student who was alleged to have been kicked so badly by the police officers in Brixton, South London, that one of his testicles had to be removed, has provoked a "boycott police jobs" call to ethnic minorities from the president of the Confederation of Indian Organizations, Tara Mukherjee. The National Council of Civil Liberties has asked for the reopening of the case.

It is not the police alone that is at the receiving end these days. Some of the judges and magistrates have been pilloried for "going off their heads."

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, rebuked judge Bertrand Richards after public protests over the decision to let off a convicted rapist with a mere fine on the ground that the victim was guilty of "contributory negligence" by accepting a lift from the accused. The media called the judge's comment "shocking and insulting," and there were demands for his sacking.

A London magistrate startled the British public when he told a teacher who had been assaulted by a 168-stone woman that she "could expect to be hit" six times at least in the next 20 years. Miss Suzanne Puttock was struck in the neck by the mother of a seven-year old girl sent home for disrupting lessons.

The Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, is reported to have ordered a sweeping probe into the way the law handles sex and violence offences.

The BBC documentary showed the police in a bullying, brow-beating and singularly unsympathetic light.

Among other cases which have hit the headlines in the last few days was one in which a 22-year-old youth was sent to Broadmoor after he had committed eleven rapes in a single square mile area where the victims lived. The police admitted it took ten attacks and twelve months before they launched a full-scale effort to catch the culprit.

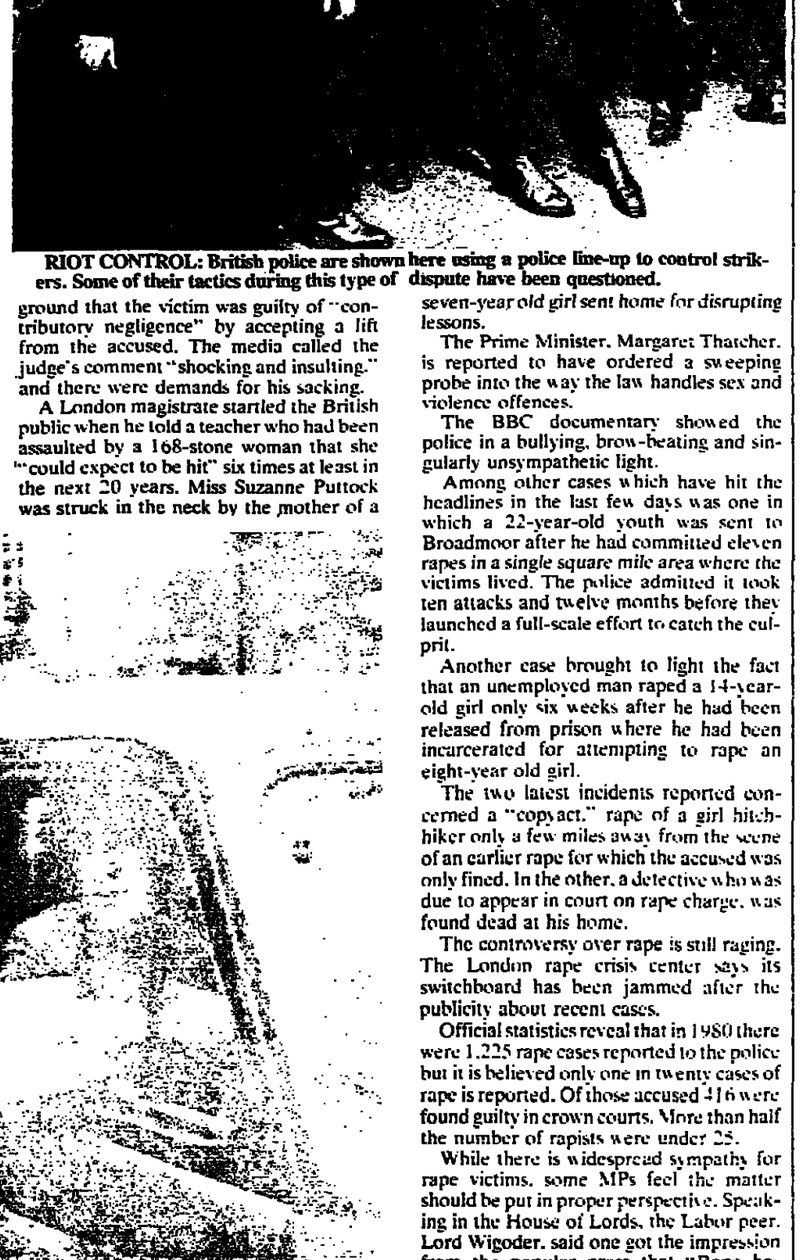
Another case brought to light the fact that an unemployed man raped a 14-year-old girl only six weeks after he had been released from prison where he had been incarcerated for attempting to rape an eight-year old girl.

The two latest incidents reported concerned a "copyact," rape of a girl hitch-hiker only a few miles away from the scene of an earlier rape for which the accused was only fined. In the other, a detective who was due to appear in court on rape charge, was found dead at his home.

The controversy over rape is still raging. The London rape crisis center says its switchboard has been jammed after the publicity about recent cases.

Official statistics reveal that in 1980 there were 1,225 rape cases reported to the police but it is believed only one in twenty cases of rape is reported. Of those accused 416 were found guilty in crown courts. More than half the number of rapists were under 25.

While there is widespread sympathy for rape victims, some MPs feel the matter should be put in proper perspective. Speaking in the House of Lords, the Labor peer, Lord Wigoder, said one got the impression from the popular press that "Rape has become Britain's national pastime."



RIOT CONTROL: British police are shown here using a police line-up to control strikers. Some of their tactics during this type of dispute have been questioned.

MURDER HUNT: A British policeman stops a taxi driver to ask if he has seen a suspect.

Art runs in her blood

Artist finds Kingdom 'perfect place'

By Gregory Llewellyn
Alkhobar Bureau

ALKHOBAR — Art runs in the blood of the Marguinaud family the way music did, generation after generation, in that of the Bachs. First Ernest Marguinaud (1895-1976) established a reputation as a post-impressionist artist in Paris. His own son continued in the family tradition as a graphics artist, and Ernest's grand daughter Brigitte studied under him. She attended classes at l'Ecole des Beaux Arts and at l'Academie de la Grande Chaumiere as well and married an architect who paints on an avocational basis. It was his coming to work in Riyadh in 1979 that opened a new world of sunlight, sandscape, and solitude to Brigitte Marguinaud.

"I am not aiming to make a documentary or anecdotal statement," she explained to ***Arab News*** at the opening of a show of her work at Khobar's Arab Heritage Gallery from March 11 to 24.

The artist, who is half-French, half-Norwegian, discovered Saudi Arabia to be the perfect place to practice her art.

"In the West, too much can come from the outside. Life is hectic, with reference to events rather than inner experience. But an artist needs to develop ideas, without fuss, after passing through a stage of acquiring those ideas. There is a different approach to life here, one in which you learn patience."

Her reaction to the physical aspects of Arabic with its almost surrealistic light was profoundly positive.

"The landscape has so few elements, it is already close to being an abstraction," said Marguinaud, who began her career as an abstract painter.

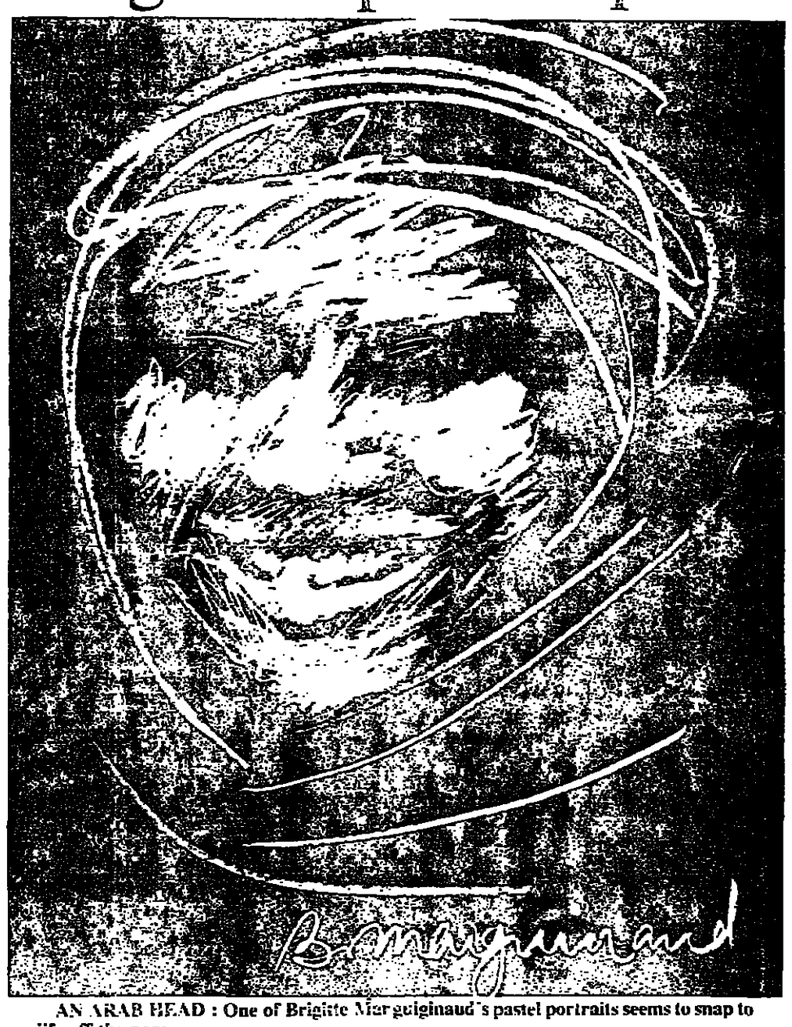
Her Saudi Arabian work, 50-odd examples of which are on display for the first time here, is marked by a dream-like quality achieved by a restraint of palette and a certain linear astuteness.

"I do not like labels," Marguinaud said with a knowing smile. "You cannot be yourself if you try too hard to define yourself."

Yet the amber-eyed artist — whose own work captures visually impressions which evaporate when one attempts to snare them in a verbal net — is pointedly articulate in discussing features of her oeuvres.

A sort of purplish rose color figures in many of Marguinaud's paintings. It is the hue of the sky at sunset, a favorite hour of the artist's, when she and her husband often go off to the desert to watch the sun disappear into the sand. Physics is of some use in color theory, she confided, giving as an example the fact that shadows appear in colors complementary to those of the source which illumines them: An orangey sun thus produces blue-purple shadows. Marguinaud holds an M.A. in mathematics but laughingly declined to talk about the relation between art and the queen of the sciences.

Much of her work is done in soft pastel, a sort of fragile chalk, on ingres paper. This paper — named after the French classicist painter, Jean Auguste Ingres (1780-1867) — is strong, easy to work on, and it does not shred: Ideal properties for the medium of pastels.



AN ARAB HEAD : One of Brigitte Marguiginaud's pastel portraits seems to snap to life off the page.

Marguinaud, who admires the work of contemporary American artists like Mark Rothko and Robert Motherwell, also works in ink. Her *Palm Leaf Studies*, executed on paper and cardboard with an oriental brush technique which she studied with a friend in Riyadh, convey a crisp yet restful feeling with an economy of means.

A small pastel, *Old Palace*, was inspired by one of Riyadh's mud places whose triangular crenalations give it an iced cake-like appearance. Brigitte has a professional affection for such structures: she sometimes visits the courtyard of Muraba Palace whose restful ambiance she finds conducive to sketching.

One of her larger works on display, *Fragment of Vision*, was done with an acrylic spray gun technique.

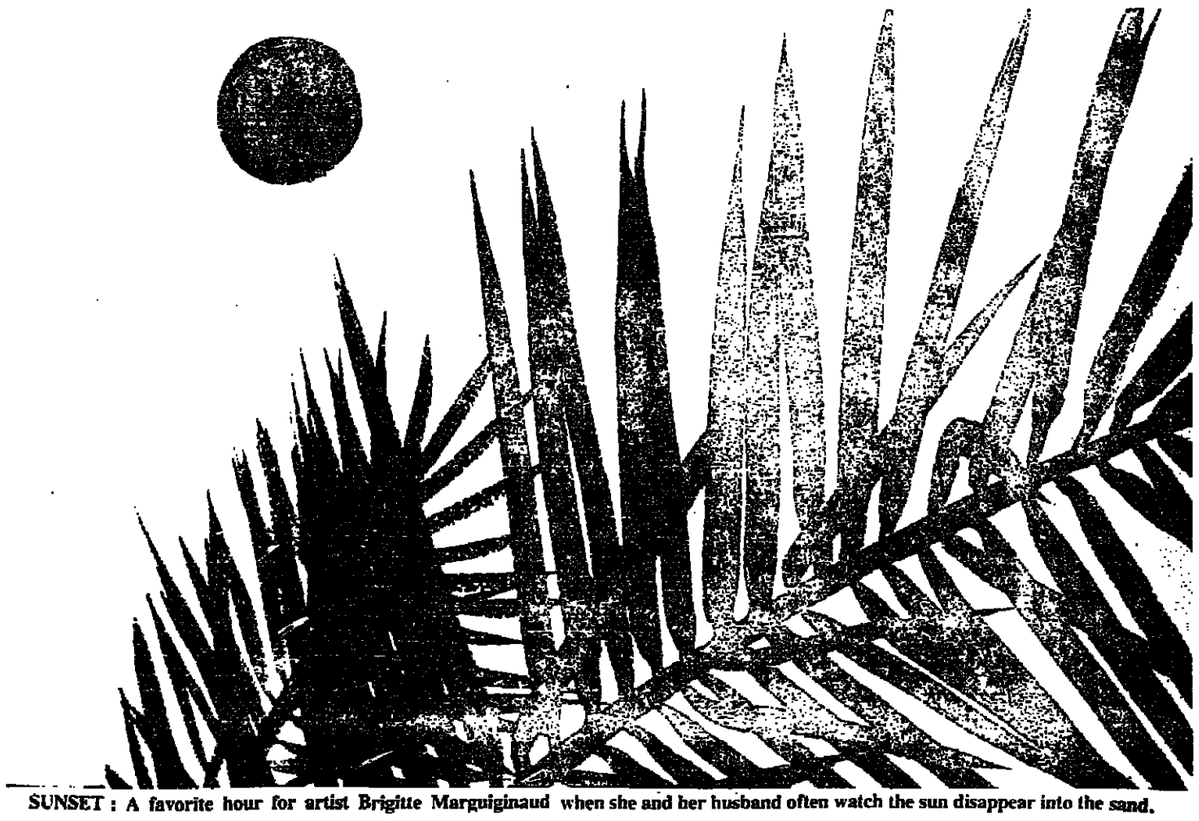
"People relate to big and small paintings differently," said Marguinaud in explaining the effect of size on painting. "A large work gives more the measure of oneself: you can express yourself better in larger works which offer a more total vision."

Fragment of Vision, with the weight of its amorphous and luminous color, projects a sense of pure vision, undifferentiated by any attempt at conceptualization, "like something one sees without fully recognizing, upon just waking up."

Another of Marguinaud's larger tableaux, *The Kite*, in acrylic spray with brush touches pictures a stridently orange kite against a sombre blue sky.

"I have always been a little fascinated by kites," Marguinaud remarked. "Their only use is to make you dream."

The Kite invites the viewer to dream more by its subject than by its execution which is almost geometrically classical. The painting stands in contradistinction to the artist's somnolent tone in so much of her work. But here as elsewhere she seizes a moment of eternity with a seemingly effortless and passive mastery.



SUNSET : A favorite hour for artist Brigitte Marguiginaud when she and her husband often watch the sun disappear into the sand.

Is eating dangerous?

Swallowing problems hard to detect

MANILA (Depthnews) — Ever hear of "cafe coronary?" Well, the bite does seem to be worse than the bark, when eating gets to be more dangerous than talking.

But the act of swallowing seems to be a serious business that they are now even making movies of its mechanisms. And the future in supermarkets might well point to "swallow-safe" foods, like a gel of coffee. "Swallowing is like walking," says one scientist. "Some people need a cane or crutches."

It is surprising, in all its love for rich food, that swallowing seems to be a neglected business in Asia. Etiquette, of course, requires proper swallowing, but a friend nearly died from choking on a piece of *ubod* — the heart of a palm trunk — cooked in coconut milk. The occurrence was dismissed then as a simple and wanton example of gluttony and a gourmet's delight.

But swallowing goes beyond the mouth, so to speak, and beyond choking. The problems are hard to detect, although new diagnostic techniques are being developed — like using radiographic motion pictures of the swallowing process. In many ways, the typical person with a swallowing problem resembles a heart patient who for months or years had ignored, or adjusted to, subtle signs of disorder.

Swallowing, in fact, is a well-orchestrated, complex mechanism involving muscles, nerves and cartilages. While it is simple and automatic for many people, it is also full of dangers for many others. So much so that doctors hear of difficulties ranging from froggy throats to major anatomical abnormalities that lead to a "cafe coronary," a choking death (resembling a heart attack) from food lodged in the air passages.

Like a potential heart victim, an unsuspecting choking victim might have ignored the signs. He may have begun to eat more slowly out of fatigue, clear his throat more and more frequently after swallowing and, almost unconsciously, tilt his head to swallow food more easily. He chooses soups and softer foods more often than beef or other solids. Suddenly, he chokes on a piece of food. This happens more often in the unfamiliar surroundings of restaurants.

Doctors also often overlook swallowing disorders. For instance, about half of all people with Huntington's Disease, a progressive deterioration of the nervous system, have problems with their swallowing muscles and nerves. Swallowing may also be affected in persons with arthritis of the cervical spine from which the pharynx and tongue are suspended.

Among children, problems often arise from nerve or anatomical abnormalities that are either inborn or the result of birth trauma. For instance, a youngster might be born with vocal-cord paralysis that prevents the normal closing of the vocal cords to block airways when food is about to enter the thraot. Such a problem might correct itself naturally or with training, or it might require surgery.

Among adults, problems can be triggered by head and neck injuries in which the brain stem, its control center for swallowing, is affected. Tumors and aging of nerves and muscles can also interfere with the process. So can instances of interrupted breathing during sleep or speech problems.

The problem is so pervasive in the United States today that John Hopkins University recently opened the country's first Center for the Identification and Treatment of Swallowing Disorders.

Today, perhaps the most exasperating swallowing problem doctors have encountered is called "silent dysphagia" which most often strikes older people and stroke victims.

Such people with damaged sensory-nerve cells cannot feel the food going down and may either choke on a solid particle of food or take liquids into their lungs and develop pneumonia. A patient, for instance, may initially cough after each swallow of food or liquid, indicating there may be some problem but also that the nerves are functioning well enough for the cough to occur. After a while, the patient may find the cough has improved when actually the nerve cells have died and the swallowing mechanisms anesthesized.

Studies show cities are 'heating up'

KUALA LUMPUR (Depthnews) — Sham Sani, of the University Kebangsaan Malaysia's department of geography, believes Kuala Lumpur and other cities of Malaysia are heating up.

Usually there is a well-defined boundary between urban and non-urban land uses in a city. In Kuala Lumpur, the maximum temperature contrast between the central city and the surrounding Lake Garden area is becoming smaller, decreasing from 10 degrees Fahrenheit (5.6 degrees Celsius) in 1972 to 7 degrees F (3.9 degrees C) in 1980.

Studies made in 1980 have shown that other "heat islands" are occurring in other parts of the peninsula. Johor Bharu in the southernmost tip had a 5 degrees F (2.8 degrees C) maximum heat island intensity, while Georgetown in the north had 7 degrees F (3.9 degrees C).

A 1977 study has also shown that during the day, virtually all of Kuala Lumpur experienced temperature greater than 76 degrees F (24.5 degrees C), with many commercial areas having temperatures in excess of 80 degrees F (26.7 degrees C). This is way above the "optimum" comfort range for hot climates which is between 69-73 degrees F. (20.6-22.8 degrees C).

At night, Kuala Lumpur is generally cooler. However, while the Lake Garden area and the adjacent Keroh Valley were observed to be within the "upper acceptable" comfort range, parts of the inner city were well within the "above acceptable" comfort range.

In newer housing estates where mature trees are limited, comforts indices tend to remain high throughout the day, especially in warmer months. In areas where houses are made of bricks, it is not unusual for the temperatures inside to be higher than those outside. Three new housing estates studied in late 1979 showed heat comfort inside houses all the time in excess of the "above acceptable" comfort range.

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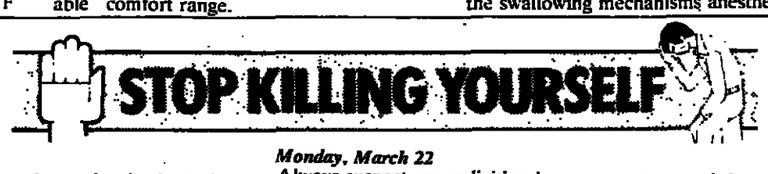

Saturday, March 20
At least 20 million patients suffer from depression in the U.S. Doctors should be continually aware of the possibility of depression being present in patients who have a number of physical complaints such as indeterminate aches and pains, digestive problems, fatigue and insomnia.

Sunday, March 21
It's not true as many seem to believe that women rarely get lung cancer. Truth of the matter is that as the years of smoking accumulate, a woman is just as susceptible of getting cancer as a man.

Monday, March 22
Always suspect appendicitis when an upset stomach hangs on.

Tuesday, March 23
Every elderly patient doesn't require drug treatment for hypertension. Reducing weight and salt may negate the need for medicines. Only when pressure is consistently over 180/100 in the elderly are drugs usually necessary.

Wednesday, March 24
In a recent study, approximately 4 percent of teenagers complaining of severe dysmenorrhea (painful menstruation) have some organic problem.

Tiger population soars in special Indian parks

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) Like Krakatoa's eruptions, earthquakes in Tokyo and tidal waves in Mindanao, the man-eating tiger of Bangajhala is fascinating, if grim, reminder of man's fragile and intimate relationship with nature.

Man, in understandable self-defense as an animal himself, used to kill man-eating tigers. Now, he is beginning to understand a little bit of the complex web around him. That a tiger eating a human being is just as natural as the latter is capable of slaughtering a chicken or even millions of his own-race.

Project Tiger has been one of the most successful wildlife conservation projects in India where there are now some 3,000 tigers (only about 1,800 in 1972). Most tigers go about their daily lives without bothering humans, but some become man-eaters as has happened in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. In the foothills of the Himalayas, deep in the Corbett National Park, seven hours drive north of Delhi is one of India's 11 special tiger reserves, named after Jim Corbett, famous as a hunter of maneating tigers half a century ago.

There are now about 90 tigers in the 520-square-kilometer park, along with an ample population of animals which are the favored prey of tigers. Because of competition for living space between the animals, and man's encroachment toward the forest edges, tigers have recently become more common outside the park.

One evening in March 1979, two Bangajhala men riding home on a horse were attacked by a tiger. The tiger dragged one of them away and ate him. It was the tiger's first human kill.

What followed was the most painstaking detective work done this side of India, coupled with a dedicated pursuit through mud and rain — all to tranquilize the man-eater, or at least trap the huge beast. The Indian Board for Wild Life and the Steering Committee of Project Tiger insist that man-eaters be captured alive, shooting only as a last resort.

Immediately after the first human kill, footprints of the tiger's tracks were filed for record. When it killed a forest worker in January 1981, it was blamed on a chance encounter and the tiger — whose tracks matched the record — was given the benefit of the doubt. Five months later, the tiger killed and ate another man at the same spot. Project Tiger's field director in Corbett, C.B. Singh, was called in.

A large male tiger was found lurking in a thicket of dense lantana bushes near the site of the last two human kills. To confirm its identification further, a live buffalo bait was placed nearby. The very next night, it was killed. When officials checked the next morning, they also found the trousers of the last human victim, a human skull and bones, some fresh and some sun-bleached.

As Singh tells it: "Next day the monsoon broke, and torrential rains and floods hampered work. Baits were carried on elephants, supplied with fodder by guards fording the swollen Kosi River twice a day on elephants. Live buffalo baits were killed every third or fourth day, the tracks showing that only one tiger was responsible.

"A camp was set up near Bangajhala, an iron cage trap placed near the baits which the tiger continued to kill."

After a month, Signh and company decided to give up. The last morning, Singh's walkie-talkie crackled. It was from one of two guards who made a last check on the cages at dawn. "Sir, the tiger is trapped in the cage," he reported.

It took three tranquilizing darts to immobilize the huge beast. A tractor, battling through torrential rain and flooded streams, took a day to finally bring the sleeping beauty to a jungle hideout.

Excited crowds of villagers soon discovered the hideaway and Singh was forced to move the tiger behind the locked gates of the national park. Next day, it was taken to Lucknow Zoo, where it was two days before it took food and drink. And then it tried to escape, injuring itself by tearing at iron sheeting, and breaking its teeth on the bars.

But the man-eating tiger has now settled down to the boredom — and meat supply — of zoo life. Man, who has spared its life, is now looking at him through cage bars.

U.N. shifts its attention

Emergency refugee operations 'scaled-down'

By Ian Steele

UNITED NATIONS (Depthnews) — While efforts to promote durable solutions to the problems facing Lao hill tribes, Khmers and Vietnamese boat people continue, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is scaling down emergency operations in Asia this year. Operations have shifted attention to the provision of care and maintenance and reports reaching U.N. headquarters in New York cite positive developments on several Asian fronts:

The UNHCR regional office in Bangkok reported a drop in the refugee caseload in Thailand last year — the first since emergency progams were instituted — and six refugee centers have been closed.

Following renewed negotiations for the voluntary repatriation of Khmers from Thailand, a humanitarian assistance program was instituted and by the close of 1981 an estimated 226,000 Khmers had returned to their villages in Kampuchea.

It was estimated in December that some 733 Lao hill tribes refugees had also returned home voluntarily.

Life on the South China Sea remains anything but happy with thousands of boat people continuing to press their luck against the weather and rampant piracy. But the international community has already provided $2.3 million of the $3.6 million which the Thai government says it needs to combat murder, rape and looting along the coast and permanent resettlement possibilities continue to outnumber the new arrivals.

The UNHCR recorded the arrival of an additional 3,393 boat people in various parts of Asia during December, including 1,090 in Thailand, 1,046 in Malaysia, 525 in Indonesia, 381 in the Philippines and 305 in Hong Kong.Thailand recorded 1,604 arrivals by land.

While the boat people have captured the attention of the world press for the past few years, the problem is greatest in Afirca, says Kathleen Newland of Worldwatch Institute. There are two reasons: one, the great number of refugees; and second, the poverty of the countries where they seek sanctuary. Africa is home to nearly six million refugees, half outside their home countries and half internally displaced.

"The ancient themes of human greed, betrayal of popular will, lust for power, ethnic hatred, and so forth combine with economic strains that have more recently emerged to ensure that the 80s will be a decade of refugees," says Miss Newland in her paper on refugees.

U.S. plans laser to kill Soviet satellites

WASHINGTON, March 17 (R) — The Pentagon will test an important weapon designed to destroy Soviet satellites in the very near future, a high Pentagon official said Tuesday.

Assistant Defense Secretary Robert Cooper said a two-stage missile would be launched from an F-15 jet fighter and guided to its target using information about the enemy satellite's position gleaned from U.S. surveillance satellites.

Cooper, a space warfare expert, told a Senate committee the United States also was hard at work developing laser weapons that employ intense beams of light and might be deployed in space to knock down Soviet satellites or missiles.

A key early mission for the space shuttle will be to test a pointing and tracking device for a space-based laser weapon, allowing it to aim and shoot its beam across tens of thousands of miles of space, Cooper said.

President Reagan wants to spend $150 million on space laser research in 1983 and over $1 billion by 1988.

A statement by Defense Undersecretary Richard Delauer that the Soviet Union might orbit space-based lasers as early as next year caused alarm among some Congressmen. But Air Force chief of staff Gen. Lew Allen later expressed doubt about Delauer's forecast. Other Pentagon specialists have said they did not believe Moscow would have such a weapon before the 1990s.

Cooper also said the Soviet Union had sent into orbit radar satellites which could locate large ships at sea and give their coordinates to missile launch crews or jet pilots, who could then launch robot precision-guided missiles.

"This is a major new threat," he said. "Our capital ships can be seen." He said the development of radar satellites promised to revolutionize future warfare.

U.S. Navy Secretary John Lehman said Tuesday that Soviet nuclear submarines have had to be evacuated on several occasions because of radiation leaks.

Grandeur curbs Nobel laureate's writing

ATHENS, March 17 (AP) — The public demands that came with the Nobel Prize are so great that Odysseus Elytis says he hasn't written a line of poetry since he won the world's most coveted literary award in 1979.

"Every time I say to myself, 'now I'll sit down and work,' some new obligation comes up and I have to postpone my promise to myself," the 70-year-old poet told the Athens newspaper *To Vima*.

Once a near-recluse who wrote incessantly, Elytis has become an unofficial cultural ambassador for Greece and a font of information for the translators who ingnored him until the prize created foreign demands for his work.

Three is so much writing to be done. But grandeur is something that imposes itself on us, and it takes great strength to keep it at arm's length," a friend said Elytis told him recently. "My privacy has been invaded and I find it impossible to work," he told the friend. "I refused many invitations, but there are others I feel honored to accept."

Elytis is renowned for his sensuous lyrics of the Aegean Islands and "Axion Esti," (Worthy It Be) a long piece set to music by composer Mikis Theodorakis.

While he used to stay in his spartan bachelor flat in central Athens, meticulously polishing his poems for publication and seeing only a few close friends, Elytis now finds himself traveling regularly, giving lectures and attending cultural meetings. Last year, he accepted an honorary degree at London University from Princess Anne.

What spare time he might have is consumed by correspondence with translators of his work from around the world. Elytis insists on personally answering each letter he receives. He will answer his telephone only at certain times of the day. He can occasionally be seen at a Kolonaki Square cafe, a shy figure in a blazer and Greek fisherman's cap pulled down over straggling auburn hair.

The critics are beginning to become anxious that Elytis should give himself time to write. But they understand that his identification with his country obliges him to take a public role at home and abroad.

While Greece was under military rule from 1967 to 1974, Elytis went into exile in Paris, where he had lived for several years after World War II. Now he steers clear of politics but remains a close friend of President Constantine Karamanlis.

Russia remains chief arms supplier for India

NEW DELHI, March 17 (AFP) — The Soviet Union is now and will remain in years to come the prime supplier of arms to India, despite New Delhi's recent efforts to broaden its military hardware purchase market, Indian defense analysts said Wednesday.

Over the years, the three services of the 1.1 million-strong Indian defense machine — the army, navy and air force — have got so used to Soviet equipment that it would be extremely difficult for defense planners to switch to other sources, the analysts said. They also pointed to the easy terms under which Moscow provides arms to New Delhi.

India moved to diversify its arms sources in 1978, when the conservative Janata government then in power under Morarji Desai signed a multimillion-dollar deal with Britain for the supply and eventual production in India of the deep penetration Jaguar aircraft. Then came a submarine deal with West Germany, followed by the signing on Jan. 24 of a letter of intent for the purchase of Mirage-2000 aircraft from France.

"Though all these agreements are quite considerable, to conclude that India is going for diversification to lessen its dependence on the Soviets does not seem to carry conviction," an analyst said. Defense research statistics show that at least 75 percent of the main strike force of the three Indian defense wings were Soviet-supplied, with the navy topping the list.

Meanwhile, Western apprehension has been aroused by a current five-day visit to India by Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Dmitri Ustinov, heading a large and high-powered military delegation, comprising 30 Soviet generals and defense experts.

Western observers here seem to be proceeding on the assumption that Ustinov will offer a whole range of new generation equipment ranging from T-82 battle tanks to the latest version of MiG aircraft to enable India to achieve a quantum jump in its defense capabilities during this decade. There is also speculation that the visit was aimed at sabotaging the Mirage-2000 deal with France, but observers believe the MiG-27 will eventually come to India despite the Mirage-2000 deal.

Soviet Minister for Aircraft Production I.S. Sialev, a member of the Ustinov delegation, was visiting various Indian aircraft manufacturing units in an obvious effort to assess Indian capabilities for the production of the MiG-27 here, the analysts said. They noted, however, that no MiG-27 deal would be signed during Ustinov's visit, which ends on March 20.

Three deals are likely to be finalized with the Russians in months to come, involving the MiG-27, the IL-76 four-jet transport aircraft to replace the AN-12 and a yet to be specified SAM-9. However, the IL/76 deal would primarily depend on the fate of U.S. C-130-H Hercules aircraft, the analysts added.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AP) — "Bette Davis Eyes" was named song of the year Tuesday at the third annual National Music Publishers Association song awards. The song was written by Donna Weiss and Jackie Deshannon.

PARIS (AP) — The first operational firing of Europe's Ariane satellite launcher, set for April 23, has been delayed by at least two months for testing of one of its payload satellites, the European Space Agency said Tuesday.

WASHINGTON (R) — President Ronald Reagan's counsel has agreed to a compromise to halt contempt proceedings against Interior Secretary James Watt, Congressmen said Tuesday night. They said White House counsel Fred Fielding had agreed that members of the House of Representatives Commerce Committee could see certain documents which the interior secretary had been withholding. Contempt proceedings would probably be dropped as a result, they said.

BERLIN (AP) — A passenger train slammed into a bus at a crossing in the central Bulgarian city of Kasanlyk, killing 13 persons and injuring seven others, the East German news agency ADN reported Wednesday.

BONN, West Germany (AP) — President Alhaji Shehu Shagari of Nigeria arrived here Wednesday for a four-day state visit designed to further cooperation between his West African nation and this largest West European industrial state.

China leaders keep posts; old officials told to retire

PEKING, March 17 (AP) — China's Communist Party magazine indicated Wednesday that Deng Xiaoping and some other elderly leaders will not give up their key positions. But said other old officials must retire for the good of the country. If the succession of younger officials to leading positions is not handled well, it added, "it is not impossible that our party and nation would have further upheaval."

A commentary in *Red Flag* magazine also said China's current slashing of its bloated bureaucracy, affecting the power and positions of thousands of officials, was bound to run into resistance. "No matter what complications and difficulties we encounter, we cannot hesitate or compromise, nor even less give up halfway," it said.

At the top, *Red Flag* said, China "needs a few dozen veteran comrades who have worldwide prestige, deep insight and a broad overview and still are energetic enough to remain in pivotal leading positions in the party and state to secure our position."

It did not mention any names, but China's most prestigious figure now clearly is the 77-year-old Deng, who leads China from his position as a party vice chairman. His ally Hu Yaobang, elected party chairman last year, is 68, over the new retirement age loosely set for government ministers.

Hu's election was one of Deng's major steps to try to insure continuity of his pragmatic policies. Hu replaced Hua Guofeng, chosen successor of the late Chairman Mao Tsetung, after Hua was accused of sticking to some of Mao's "leftist" mistakes.

"Other veteran officials, when they have reached a certain age, must follow regulations and honorably 'retire from the ranks,'" *Red Flag* added. This, along with helping select and promote reliable younger leaders, is the greatest contribution they can make, it said.

The magazine said now is an excellent time to reform China's bureaucracy, "while the older generation of proletarian revolutionaries and many loyal and experienced veteran comrades still are alive and healthy."

Deng and some other old leaders are from the generation that survived the Communist party's legendary 1934-5 "Long March" from encirclement by Nationalist Party troops in the southeast to a base in Yenan, North China, where it built strength for eventual conquest of the mainland in 1949.

Most of China's one billion people were born after 1949, however, and have known only Communist rule. Meeting their rising economic expectations is a prime problem for Deng's leadership, and *Red Flag* emphasized that without proper bureaucratic reforms, in the long term, "not only will there be no hope of modernization, but there will be a danger of the party and state perishing."

Taipei debunks Peking's warning

TAIPEI, March 17 (AFP) — China's warning to countries having diplomatic ties with Peking against establishing official or quasi official trade or other offices in Taipei "will get nowhere," the Foreign Ministry said here Wednesday.

"We believe that countries having substantial relations with us will ignore the Chinese Communist threat. The threat will get nowhere," said a Foreign Ministry spokesman. He reiterated that Taipei would not negotiate with Peking. "Such policy remains unchangeable under any circumstances," he said.

Meanwhile, ranking government officials, admitting that Peking's move was aimed at isolating the Nationalist Republic of China in the international community, added: "We doubt very much, though, that those (who) set up liaison offices in Taipei will take lightly their own interests."

"The tail is now showing in Peking's repeated calls for peaceful reunification between Taiwan and the mainland. The Communist warning has fully demonstrated Peking's true intention in such false offers," the officials added.

Currently, 23 countries maintain diplomatic ties with Taipei. In addition, 18 countries which have recognized Peking as the sole legitimated government of China have established 21 trade and cultural offices in Taipei.

Taipei has 22 embassies, five consulates-general, two consulates and 53 representatives' offices overseas. Most of the 53 representatives' offices are unofficial in nature.

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As banks hike prime rate

Kaufman sees U.S. interest rate rising

WASHINGTON, March 17 (R) — U.S. interest rates, already at a level where key American industries are being severely hurt, could rise still further and prevent an economic recovery predicted for later this year, according to one of Wall Street's most respected economists.

Henry Kaufman also predicted Tuesday that the government's budget deficit could come close to $135 billion next year, more than double the previous record shortfall and well above the figure predicted by the Reagan administration.

Kaufman, of the New York investment firm of Salomon Brothers, spoke to a congressional committee as four leading banks raised the prime rate charged on business loans to 16.5 percent from 16 percent.

Morgan Guaranty, Chase Manhattan and Bankers Trust, all of New York, and first national of Chicago brought their rates up to the level already charged by other major U.S. banks. President Reagan and his economic advisers have repeatedly said that interest rates should soon begin to fall. But Kaufman said they could rise unless current fiscal and monetary policies were changed.

Kaufman, whose observations often cause financial markets to react sharply, said that interest rates would drop only if action was taken soon to cut next year's budget deficit. He also urged Congress to postpone most of Reagan's tax cuts for the next two years and alter the way in which the Federal Reserve Board, the country's central bank, controls the money supply. "I believe that today's policies do not sufficiently limit the possibility of straying into unnecessary economic tragedy, for these policies have failed to gain the confidence and support in at least one vital area: the financial markets," Kaufman said.

"Our economy and financial markets are more fragile than at any time since World War II." Kaufman thought high interest rates would stall or abort the economic recovery the White House is predicting for the second half of this year. The high cost of borrowing has already severely hurt the U.S. car and housing industries, once considered backbone sectors of the economy.

High U.S. rates have also brought cries of indignation from America's industrial allies and developing countries. The Europeans and Japanese complain that U.S. interest levels have attracted capital that would have gone into their economies, and forced them to raise their own rates to compete.

The poor countries are upset because high rates have boosted the value of the dollar, forcing them to pay more for oil. The Federal Reserve, meanwhile, had one piece of good news for Americans when it said Tuesday that the output of U.S. factories, mines and utilities rose 1.6 percent in February, the first increase in seven months.

But it added that the upturn should not necessarily be seen as a sign that the current recession has ended.

Commerce Assistant Secretary Robert Ortner also said: "I think we are not at the end of the recession. But I think the recession will genuinely be over before the end of the second quarter (in June). "The economy will pick up, but if interest rates stay at these levels it will dampen the recovery," he told Reuters.

Iran oil sale to Syria set at 8.7m tons

DAMASCUS, March 17 (R) — Iran will supply Syria with 8.7 million tons of crude oil during the next year under an agreement signed in Tehran Tuesday, the official Syrian news agency Sana said.

Deliveries to the Banias Refinery on the Mediterranean will start in the first week of April, it said. Syria previously imported about five million tons a year by pipeline from Iraq.

The Iranian supplies will have to be shipped through the Suez Canal or round the Cape of Good Hope.

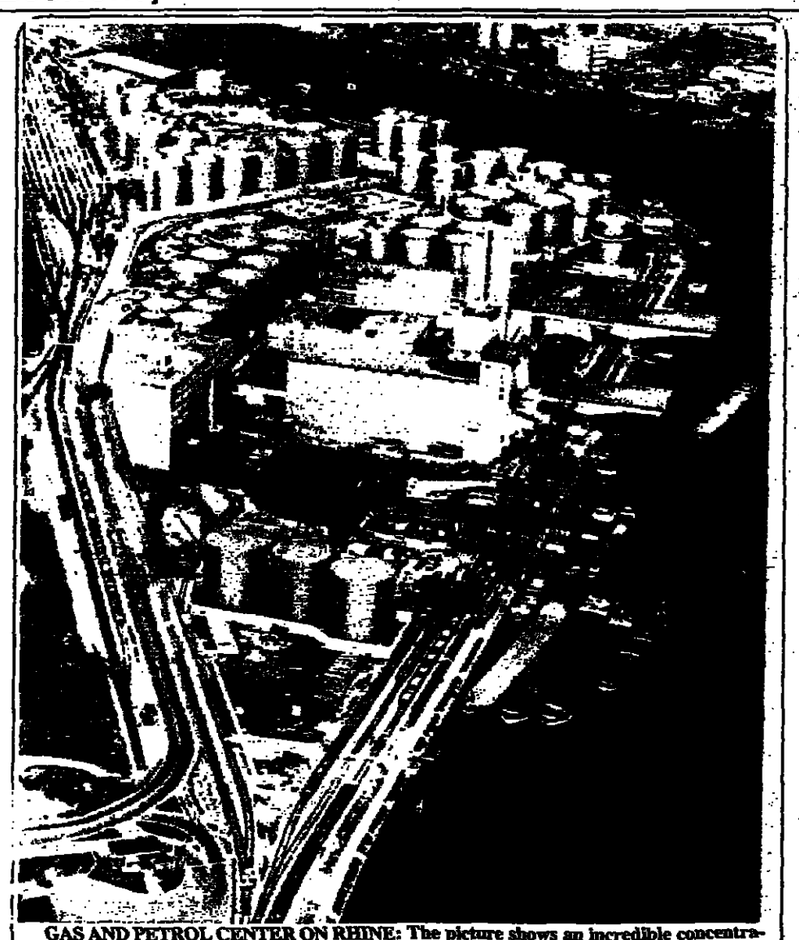
Syria's switch to Iran as a source of oil comes at a time when relations between Damascus and Baghdad, both ruled by rival branches of the Baath Party, are particularly bad. Sana said that Syria will export phosphates, barley, lentils, textiles and glass to Iran under Tuesday's agreement.

Syria produces about nine million tons of crude a year but this is too heavy for most domestic uses and a large part is exported.

The agreement came at the end of a four-day visit to Tehran by a syrian delegation led by Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam and including Oil Minister Abdul-Jabbar Al-Dahhak and Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Salim Yassin.

The delegation also signed a trade protocol, Sana said. It did not give details. The oil agreement follows attempts by Iran to win customers during the current oil glut on the world market by making a succession of price cuts.

An Iranian minister said Monday that earnings from oil exports in the 1982-83 financial year would drop to 56 percent of total revenues compared with 79 percent in 1974.



GAS AND PETROL CENTER ON RHINE: The picture shows an incredible concentration of liquid gas and petroleum, which is, in fact, a major complex on the Rhine River. It is situated at Basle, Switzerland. In the background one can see the city with its modern buildings and factories.

Japan opposes move to ban whale hunting

TOKYO, March 17 (AP) — Japan wi work closely with the Soviet Union and othe whaling nations to prevent the Internationa Whaling Commission (IWC) from institutin a moratorium on sperm whale hunting in th Northwest Pacific, Prime Minister Zenk Suzuki said Wednesday.

Suzuki made the statement when an oppos ition member of the Upper House sought h views on the special IWC meeting to be hel in Brighton, England, March 24-25 to decid whether sperm whale hunting should be ban ned in the Northwest Pacific. The 32 member commission at a general meeting la summer decided to impose a moratorium o sperm whale hunting in the Northern Atlan tic and the Southern Hemisphere.

Suzuki said the government will als launch a publicity campaign in non-whalin IWC nations to obtain an understanding o Japan's position so that they will favor th Japanese position at the Brighton meeting

He also questioned the present makeup the IWC which includes landlocked nati which do not engage in whaling. But he di not elaborate. The Japanese feel that a dec sion prohibiting sperm whaling in the Nort west Pacific will deal a fatal blow to th Japanese whaling industry. The March 24-2 meeting in Brighton is being called to set th 1982-83 sperm whale catch quota for th Northwest Pacific.

Taipei exports of car parts soar

TAIPEI, March 17 (CNA) — Th Republic of China's exports of motor parts i 1981 amounted to $220 million, representin a five-fold increase over the total of $41 million of 1977, according to statistics com piled by the Taiwan Area Transportatio Vehicle Manufacturing Industry Associatio

A source of the association said that busi ness of local motor parts makers have bee expanding rapidly in recent years. Many loca manufacturers have joined technical coope ation projects with foreign counterparts.

Currently, there are 316 motor parts man ufacturers registered with the associatio Among these manufacturers, 42 have signe contracts with 53 foreign manufacturers fo technical cooperation. Japan remains th major source of technology transfer for loca motor parts makers. Other sources includ the United States and France.

The source added that he anticipates more and more local manufacturers will seek ways of introducing new technologies by cooperating with their overseas counterparts.

Sudan hopes of oil find fade

KHARTOUM, March 17 (AFP) — The official announcement that oil had been discovered in southern Sudan led to considerable speculation when it was made in July 1980, but almost two years later there is still no precise indication of the country's potential oil wealth.

By mid-1980 the American company Chevron was producing 15,000 barrels a day from four wells near Juba in south-west Sudan, and in an interview at the time Sudanese Oil Minister Sharif al Touhamy speculated that within a short while Sudan would be "producing and exporting much of its oil to solve a number of economic problems."

But 20 months later some oil executives based here wonder whether the minister might not have been over-optimistic, and they point out that construction work on the proposed refinery at Kosti, 350 kilometers (220 miles) south of Khartoum failed to get underway. The same applies to the pipeline which was going to connect Kosti to the oilfield. Other oilmen still think that Sudan has a rich future ahead of it.

The total cost of the project has been estimated at almost $1,000 million of which $800 million would be for the refinery alone. Chevron is providing 40 percent of this.

The optimists think that the American company has discovered far greater reserves than the first estimates of 3,000 barrels daily and wants to drop the Kosti project in favor of enlarging the existing refinery at Port Sudan. This way it would be easier to export any excess oil.

Basing their speculation on "absolutely reliable information" they say that Chevron was recently imported a "considerable" quantity of equipment. They say that almost 100 additional engineers and technicians have arrived in Sudan over the past few weeks.

But both the optimists and the pessimists agree that Chevron's apparent lack of enthusiasm is connected with the world oil glut.

Shares tumble on Tokyo market

TOKYO, March 17 (R) — Share prices plunged on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Wednesday after falling to an 18-month low Tuesday, dealers said.

The market average lost 192.73 points in the two-hour morning session to close at 6,724.26. This compared with Tuesday's drop of 161.69, which was the ninth largest daily fall on record.

Dealers said selling by speculators to avoid further losses had further weakened a market worried by trends in the Japanese economy and by rising foreign protectionism against Japanese exports.

Japan reported last week that its gross national product, the measure of all goods and services produced, fell by 0.9 percent in the last quarter of 1981, the first quarterly decline in seven years.

Oil equipment, technology

Firms vie for Chinese market

PEKING, March 17 (AP) — More than 300 companies from nine nations have put their oil equipment and technology on display for Chinese experts Wednesday, looking for big sales as China prepares to open major offshore exploration.

"The market place for goods here would equal that of many areas in the world which have high potential for development of oil and gas resources," said W. Clyde Barton Jr., president of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and director of production operations for Union Oil Company's international oil division.

The eight-day exhibition and a technical symposium on exploration, drilling, production, pipelines and other petroleum industry operations cost an estimated $5 million to stage, said Hugo Johnson, the fair manager.

Barton told reporters more than 150,000 Chinese are expected to attend. Although many of the companies in the exhibition have had previous contacts with the Chinese, Johnson said, there are constant major changes in oil technology.

On the eve of the convention, China announced that it has opened an additional 40 square kilometer of more area to bidding by foreign companies wanting to join in the search for oil here. The official Xinhua News Agency added that 15 companies already have applied to bid on parts of the 150,000 square-kilometer (57,915 square-mile) area opened for bidding on Feb. 16.

Barton said the offshore area is very extensive and "the prospects are quite good," the size of the market for oil equipment cannot be determined until after more exploration and development, he said, but "I am convinced myself that it will be large.

Arab banking makes strides in America

By Charles W. Holmes
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WASHINGTON, March 17 — After a four-year-long struggle, a group of Arab businessmen — calling themselves Middle Eastern Investors — will close a deal this month on what will become one of the largest private acquisitions ever by foreign investors of a U.S. bank.

The group, made up of business interests from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi, have cleared all the legal hurdles to take over Financial General Bankshares Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based holding company with 12 member banks.

All that remains to conclude the transaction is a tender offer for 5.4 million shares of outstanding stock, about $185 million worth. Once done, Financial General, like nearly a dozen other U.S. banks, becomes the property of Arab investors.

But while there is hustle in Washington to buy the remaining shares of Financial General, a different sort of Arab entry into U.S. banking is evolving 250 miles north — in America's financial capital, New York City.

In the past 14 months, no fewer than seven Arab banks have opened offices in New York, and there are more on the way. It's part of what many American businessmen call the foreign bank "invasion." According to U.S. Federal Reserve System statistics, the number of foreign banking offices in the United States has grown from about 120 to over 425, with assets in excess of $240 billion. Now on the New York financial listings, but not there this time last year, are names like Trans-Arabian Investment Bank, Saudi International Bank, Arab Banking Corporation and Arab African International Bank.

Why are they coming to the United States? Richard A. Fenn, representative of the Saudi European Bank in New York, explains, "We, and many banks like us, are simply following our customers." Indeed, as more and more Arab businessmen recycle their profits into the international markets, local banks are forced to keep up. In recent years, competition among Arab banks has heated up, with newer institutions vying with the older, established banks for local assets and local funds.

"Obviously, there's a lot of business between the U.S. and the Middle east," says Samir Kaldawy, general manager of the Arab Banking Corporation's branch in New York, "the dollars are here, so we are here."

Kaldawy calls the proliferation of Arab banks to the United States a natural process of expansion. With Arab-Western trade ties firmly established in the 1970s, strong financial ties have developed, especially in investment. And with the U.S. entrenched in a recession, more and more American businessmen are looking to the Arab world for a line of credit, while Arabs continue to look to the United States for a sound investment.

But the recent surge in Arab banking expansion to America might have as much to do with pride as anything else, says one New York banker. Says Arab Banking's Kaldawy, "We're an international bank; our aim is to be present in all the world's important financial centers."

Most Arab banks in the United States are primarily involved in booking corporate loans, working with regional U.S. banks to secure credit for their customers. "I'd say about 75 percent of our business is originated in the United States," says John J. Hoay, New York agent for the Arab African International Bank. "Mostly our business is commercial lending, such as oil and gas financing."

Hoay, as a bank agent, can offer most wholesale banking services, such as industrial and commercial lending and money markets, but cannot conduct retail business.

There are three established Arab branch banks in the United States: Abu Dhabi International Bank, the Bahrain-based Gulf International Bank, and the Arab Banking Corporation. Branches require U.S. government licenses to operate. In return, they can offer the full range of banking services offered by any commercial bank, and they are given access to the discount window of the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Most Arab banks, however, operate representative offices in New York. Richard Fenn, U.S. representative for the Saudi European Bank acts primarily as a mouthpiece for the bank. The bank is one of only three financial institutions accredited to handle letters of credit for the purchase of Petromin-produced oil. He spends his time on the telephone and traveling "looking for loans both ways," as he puts it. Fenn, becuase he's only a representative, cannot actually book a loan he works out. The fruit of his labor is handled at the home office in Paris.

Christopher Smiles, senior vice president of the Trans-Arabian Investment Bank, represents TIAB ("good luck" in Arabic) in New York in much the way Fenn does for his bank. "We're mainly active in syndicating lead management loans, financing projects for the Gulf area and the Middle East." But Smiles also describes a good portion of his work as "consultative."

"We work with U.S. banks to help them understand the risks out there," and explaining U.S. government insurance and loan facilities through the Export-Import bank. TIAB, and other Arab banks, also spend a good portion of their time representing Arab investors in direct investment opportunities — purchasing real estate, businesses, or managing broad investment plans.

Smiles and other Arab bankers in the United States, have managed to keep a low profile, working out of usually small headquarters in New York (the exception is Abu Dhabi International Bank, which located in Washington, D.C. to be closer to the International Monetary Fund, the Export-Import Bank, and similar international financ groups).

Says one banker, "American newspaper always concentrate on the big investment and bank purchases by Arab investors, the real inroads are being made right here, and in Europe." Arab banking has arrived in America, and it's thriving.

Railmen's strike ends in Portugal

LISBON, March 17 (R) — Portugal's train drivers called off an eight-day strike Wednesday just hours after being called back to work by the government under a civil conscription order.

A statement from the drivers' union, which had stopped work in support of a pay claim, said the strike was suspended because of the high cost to the country and to rail users. Tuesday night the government invoked a law putting the drivers under a civilian call-up meaning if they did not turn up for work they would be sacked. The law, effectively breaking a strike, can be used against public service workers in exceptional circumstances if their industrial action endangers the country or threatens the economy.

Officials said the strike had cost the railways 20 million escudos ($300,000 a day). The Union, which did not mention conscription order in its statement, suspended the strike from 8 a.m. the time the order was due to come into force.

'Nation's interests paramount'

France warns EEC on prices

PARIS, March 17 (AFP) — France is committed to advancing the cause of the European community, but is not prepared to sacrifice its agriculture, President Francois Mitterrand declared here Wednesday at a cabinet meeting just 12 days before a summit of community leaders.

The president described the commission proposals for an average of nine percent increases in the minimum guaranteed price for certain food sectors, as "unacceptable".

Senior presidential aide Pierre Beregovoy quoted him as saying that "the interests of the French farm sector will be defended with firmness and resolution".

He added: "France will not allow one country to obstruct application of fundamental community regulations, and neither will it *accept the possibility that others might agree* to the dismantling of the common agricultural policy."

On Tuesday in Brussels, the agriculture ministers of the European Economic Community countries made little progress on the second day of talks to establish new EEC farm prices, sources said.

They concentrated on spelling out individual positions without starting any hard bargaining toward a compromise for the final session at the end of the month. Divisions between EEC members are many and great, prompting British Agriculture Minister Peter Walker to say that the gap between the northern and southern states in the community is widening.

The European Commission has proposed a general nine percent increase for farm products within the EEC. However, France, Italy Greece are also pushing for higher fruit and vegetable prices in the face of vociferous opposition from West Germany and Britain. *France is also pushing for an end to compensatory* import taxes and export subsidies for West Germany, Britain and the Netherlands.

In an unrelated development, EEC energy ministers Tuesday declared that a current oil glut would not lead to any relaxation of the community's efforts to reduce its dependence on imported oil.

They also agreed measures to ensure that the minimum amount of oil which EEC countries are obliged to keep in stock should not fall as a result of reduced demand. A statement issued after a one-day meeting here said the glut should not blind EEC countries to the possibility of a sudden revival in demand for oil.

"It is agreed that the current situation should not lead to any abandonment of the effort we have undertaken toward a more rational use of energy and a diversification of energy sources," it said.

Despite some diversification in recent years, the EEC is still the world's largest *importer of oil. Last year, it was dependent* on oil for some 50 percent of its energy needs. Ministers have said this should be cut to 40 percent by 1990, partly through greater use of coal and nuclear energy.

Quito wants OPEC output cut to 16.5m

QUITO, March 17 (R) — Ecuador's Oil Minister Eduardo Ortega said that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) should level production at 16.5 million barrels a day and that the price of crude should be maintained at $34 a barrel.

He made the statements to Reuters Tuesday shortly before departing for Vienna where he will attend an OPEC meeting expected to discuss oil production and prices in the face of world-wide glut.

"Ecuador considers it necessary to maintain the present prices of crude and that production should be regulated so that supply and demand are leveled," he said. He added that the only way of maintaining prices was for countries, who could afford it economically, *to reduce* production.

Ortega said, however, that Ecuador which now produces 210,000 barrels a day planned to increase production by 25,000 barrels a day in the second half of 1982.

Financial Roundup

Dollar dims gold's glitter

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 17 — Firmer Eurodollar deposit rates ensured that the American currency maintained its strength in the European bourses Wednesday. Dollar deposits went up between another 1/16 and ⅛ percent in most tenors taking the one-month rate to 15 3/16 - 15 5/16 percent, and the one-year deposit to 15⅛ - 15¼ percent levels.

In New York on Tuesday night, Federal Reserve "Fed fund" rates closed at 15½ percent indicating that the 'Fed's' tight monetary policy was continuing. The money markets were already beginning to position themselves for a possible rise in the weekly U.S. money supply figures this coming Friday, but once again there seemed to be a divergence of opinion about the exact *size of any rise, ranging from under $1 billion* to $3 billion. The dollar was also given a boost in the exchanges after the release of some economic news which showed that U.S. industrial production rose by 1.6 percent in February after recording a 2.5 percent fall in January.

While the markets were cautious about this, some seemed to think that a halt in the economic depression had been reached. March's unemployment figures will be able to shed some light on whether the U.S. has made any appreciable headway since the *release of February's 8.8 percent unemployment* figures.

In the bullion markets gold made a sharp drop to trade at Monday's levels of $312/313 an ounce after a brief rally in prices had taken gold levels to 324 on Tuesday. Some sharp selling in New York Tuesday night pushed gold down.

In the European exchanges, the French franc seemed to be heading toward the 6.15 levels after it traded at 6.1330 on Wednesday compared with 6.1130 on Tuesday. The recent announced 3 percent increases in French interest rates did not seem to make any immediate measurable impact.

In other currency news, the Japanese yen fluctuated between 242.90 and 243.00 on Wednesday despite central bank of Japan support, reportedly in the region of 150 million sales. The German mark traded around 2.3760 levels and seemed to be *holding its ground*, while the Swiss franc fell back a few points to trade at 1.8860 from 1.8810 levels Tuesday.

In the local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates opened at 3.4201-11 levels but gradually went up to 3.4205-15 levels by mid-day in line with the dollar's European strengthening. Trading was reported to have been brisker compared to Tuesday levels. In the money markets, riyal deposit rates were also firm, with rises of ⅛ percent recorded in the short periods. Week-fixed deposits were quoted at 12¼-12¾ percent while the one-month JIBOR bid-offer rates were quoted at 13⅜-13⅝ percent levels. In the longer tenors, the one-year deposit was slightly lower at 13⅝-13⅞ percent after touching 14 percent earlier in the day.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	316.00
Paris	323.81
Frankfurt	315.99
Zurich	316.50
Hong Kong	316.53

ICCO offered $75m loan

LONDON, March 17 (AP) — The executive committee of the International Cocoa Organization met Tuesday to discuss means of financing buffer stock operations, including a new loan proposal from a Middle East bank.

Delegate sources reported the Al Rajhi Company for Islamic Investment of Riyadh had offered the ICCO a $70 million loan at better terms than offered for a $75 million loan from a syndicate headed by the Banco Economic do Brazil. The Banco Economic offer was examined by the committee in January.

The Brazilians were offering a two-year loan with a possible near extensions with an interest rate of 1¼ percent over the London interbank offered rate, plus an established, 3-time commitment fee.

Japan takes steps to head off trade war

TOKYO, March 17 (R) — Japan is launching a pair of diplomatic missions to the United States and Western Europe in a race to head off threats of a world trade war.

Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakurauchi makes his diplomatic debut abroad with a five-day visit to Washington starting next Saturday while special trade representative Masumi Esaki is on a two-week tour of West European capitals.

But officials said the two leading diplomats would be unlikely to offer any more than vague assurances over trade. In the recent tradition of Japanese foreign ministers, Sakurauchi has been assigned the difficult task of diverting U.S. concern from the contentious issue of trade to the broader aspects of U.S.-Japanese relations.

Government officials describe the foreign minister's trip as an attempt "to forge a new political climate," but admit he will not be able to avoid the trade issue.

"Complaints about Japanese trading prac*tices have reached a feverish pitch, with the* EEC's chief negotiator, Sir Roy Dennan, saying recently that the dangers of a trade war are more serious than at any time since the end of World War II.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has pledged to put forward a package of proposals to defuse the tense trade disputes before major non-Communist industrial powers hold their annual economic summit meeting in France in June.

Officials said the proposals would not take full form until after Esaki's return from Europe toward the end of March. An attempt by Japan in January to cool tempers by dismantling 67 non-tariff barriers to imports did little to meet Western complaints that Japan unfairly shields its big home market from foreign competition.

One U.S. businessman here said the move was or could be useful to foreigners trying to penetrate the Japanese market in only about 20 percent of cases where barriers were dismantled. A less charitable West European diplomat condemned Tokyo for overselling the package as a major step forward, noting that even Japanese officials conceded it *would do little to dent the trade imbalance.*

According to its own figures, Japan had a $13.4 billion trade surplus with the United States last year and a surplus of $10.3 billion with the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC).

Statistics compiled by Washington, however, put the surplus at $18 billion. Brussels has yet to compile its own statistics for 1981 trade.

Sakurauchi arrives in Washington following talks here last week with Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Daivd MacDonald, who struck a note of cautious optimism about Japan's forthcoming trade package before he left for home. "If this comes to fruitify, I believe it will have a substantial effect in reducing, or eliminating the rationale for protectionism (in the United States)," he said.

A major fear here is that legislation demanding reciprocal treatment for U.S. imports may pass through the U.S. Congress, reminding Japanese officials of the threat by Congress last April to curb imports of Japanese cars.

Africa faces bleak food outlook

NAIROBI, March 17 (AP) — Africa faces far more widespread hunger and malnutrition during the 1980s because of disastrous food policies, says a United Nations World Food Council report released here Wednesday.

The report said a steady deterioration in food production, far oustripped by population growth, and inefficient international aid programs have also contributed to Africa's food crisis.

"The deteriorating food trends in Africa are critical and require critically urgent measures," the report said. "Nor can the answer be seen solely in terms of food aid."

The council warned that if food aid is not accompanied by stepped-up food production and more effective food policies, the dependence of African countries on imported food "can only continue to grow disastrous consequences for their economics."

The report, released at the conclusion of a two-day meeting here of the council's African member countries, painted a grim picture of the widening gap between food needs and availability in most African countries.

The report was prepared for the council's eighth ministerial meeting June 21-24 in Mexico. A copy was presented to Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, current chairman of the 51-nation Organization of African Unity, Wednesday afternoon. The report gave the following statistics: "...per capita income in 19 African countries grew less than one percent a year between 1969 and 1979 "and 15 countries recorded negative growth."

Food production per person declined seven percent in the 1960s, 15 percent in the 1970s and "preliminary estimates point to further deterioration in the 1980s."—Africans consume 10 percent less today per person than they did a decade ago, despite a doubling of grain imports in the 1970s to 11 million *tons, "and the need for food imports is* expected to triple by the mid-1980s."

The World Food Council noted that about one-fifth of the $7.4 billion in multilateral and bilateral assistance to Africa has been directed to agriculture.

"However, these efforts have not offset the general deterioration in production trends in food and agriculture over the last decade," the report said. It also noted that African countries "are increasingly questioning whether they have been getting the advice and assistance they need" from international experts.

UAE lets $30m contract to Tokyo

ABU DHABI, March 17 (AP) — Japan and the United Arab Emirates signed Wednesday a $30 million contract to construct an *ultra-modern unit for desalination of sea* water through solar energy — the largest in the Arab world of its kind.

The Japanese government will provide the solar energy, while the U.A.E. government will shoulder other expenses and provide a *10,000 square meter plot of land*

An official at the U.A.E. Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources said further blueprints for major solar energy stations have been proposed by Japan, West Germany and France.

Buckley begins U.K. talks

LONDON, March 17 (AP) — A high-powered U.S. delegation seeking a solid allied front for a credit squeeze on the Soviet Union because of the Polish crisis, was meeting with British officials Wednesday as part of a European tour.

James Buckley, undersecretary of state for security assistance, science and technology, came to Europe over the week end, backed by officials from the treasury, defense and commerce departments and the National Security Council.

Buckley was meeting with Lord Trefgarne, foreign office minister who deals with East-West questions, the foreign office said. Later in the day, Buckley meets with Foreign *Secretary Lord Carrington. The delegation* will also see officials at the trade ministry.

The delegation was in Bonn Monday and in Paris Tuesday.

Early indications were that allied cooperation with the United States on any new cutbacks in officials credits and credit guarantees for firms dealing with the Soviet Union would be standby at best.

Although most of the allies have united on strong condemnation of the Soviet Union and the three-month-old martial law regime in Poland, sanction-taking has been slow and lacking in bite.

After Buckley's sessions in Bonn, a West German foreign ministry statement said: "The two delegations agreed to remain in contact about matters discussed, particularly the credit policy of Western countries vis-a-vis the East bloc."

There was no indication that West Germany, a major trading partner of the Soviet Union, was prepared to join in a credit cutback.

In Paris, the Buckley mission cut a polite *hearing from the French, but little else.* The French view is that a reduction of credits hurts the European, who sell equipment and technology to Moscow, much more than it hurts the United States which sells mostly grain.

West Germany, France and Britain continue to underwrite deals of their firms with the Soviet Union and apparently have no immediate intention of halting the practice.

Kuwait heads list of lenders

KUWAIT, March 17 (AP) — Kuwait topped the list of lenders, while Arab and Asian states led recipients in a $592-million-aid operation during the last three months of 1981.

The figures were given in a statement Wednesday by the coordinating secretariat of the lending and aid institutions: Kuwaiti, Abu Dhabi and Arab Development Funds, the Islamic Bank, the Arab Bank for African Development, and the OPEC Fund for International Development.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development provided $173.7 million, or 29.3 percent of the total aid volume. Arab *and Asian states had the largest share of loans* among the 33 recipients. 40 percent of the total went to Arab countries, 34.9 percent to Asian countries, and 21 percent to African states.

Employed Britons gains up 10.8%

LONDON, March 17 (AP) — Average earnings of British workers rose by 10.8 per*cent in the year ending Jan. 31, the govern*ment announced Wednesday. This was well below the 12 percent rate of inflation in that month.

The decline of earnings, the government said, meant a drop in the unit labor costs of manufacturing, well below those of other major industrial countries.

Unit labor costs in the last three months of 1981, the Department of Employment said, were 2.6 percent higher than the same quarter of 1980. Unit labor costs for the same period rose 5 percent in West Germany, 3 percent in Japan, 6 percent in the United States and 9 percent in France, the department said.

BRIEFS

MANAMA — The Gulf's biggest education and business equipment exhibitions — Education Arabia and the Middle East business equipment show — will open for the second time in Bahrain Monday, March 22, 1982. Over 200 companies from all over the world will present the latest in office equipment, computer systems and educational and training technology. Exhibitors include two major national groups (from the U.K. and West Germany) with strong contingents from the USA, Japan and other European countries.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The U.S. unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in February against January's 8.5 percent, the Labor Department said. The number of states where the rate exceeds 10 percent has jumped threefold in a year to 19, and they are mainly in the middle west and deep south. Worst figure is that of Michigan, 16 percent due to the car industry's difficulties.

TAIPEI (NCA): Kaohsiung and Taichung harbors may become transshipment centers between America and South East Asia if the ROC government can lower the customs duties, said a report made by the Nomura Sogo Research Institute of Japan. Entrusted by the ROC Ministry of Communications last year, the Japanese research institute was made responsible for mapping out a plan to make Kaohsiung and Taichung harbors become transshipment centers.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — New building starts were up 6.5 percent in February, and reached the highest level since July, the Commerce Department said. In annual terms the figure was 953,000 units. The rise was due to an increase in new apartment blocks, with individual houses showing a drop of 10.5 percent. In January building starts rose 1.5 percent, the first rise for four months.

MANAMA (AP) — The South Korean Bank of Development opened a branch Wednesday, becoming the latest member of the Bahrain Banking Community. The bank is said to be one of the largest Korean banks in the development field. The operating capital of its Bahrain branch was put at 333 million Bahrain dinars ($833 million).

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar		9.05	9.08
Bangladeshi Taka		—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)		—	—
Canadian Dollar		—	282.00
Deutche Mark (100)		144.50	144.15
Dutch Guilder (100)		131.75	131.35
Egyptian Pound		3.44	3.85
Emirates Dirham (100)		93.00	93.20
French Franc (100)		56.50	55.75
Greek Drachma (1,000)		52.50	55.70
Indian Rupee (100)		—	36.85
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	
Iraqi Dinar			—
Italian Lira (10,000)		27.00	26.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)		—	14.20
Jordanian Dinar		9.95	9.835
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.04	12.01
Lebanese Lira (100)		71.00	70.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)		57.75	59.90
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	30.73
Philippines Peso (100)		—	41.55
Pound Sterling		6.23	6.19
Qatari Riyal (100)		94.00	94.10
Singapore Dollar (100)		—	161.40
Spanish Peseta (1,000)			32.85
Swiss Franc (100)		182.25	181.75
Syrian Lira (100)		58.00	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)		—	—
U.S. Dollar		3.429	3.422
Yemeni Riyal (100)		75.00	74.90

	Selling Price	Buying Price
Gold kg.	35,200	35,000
10 Tolas bar	4,120	4,080
Ounce	1,140	1,100

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6420932, Jeddah.

To earn Arsenal a point

Sunderland nets late equalizer

LONDON, March 17 (AFP) — Arsenal, two goals down with only five minutes to go, hit back in amazing fashion to earn a 2-2 draw which ended in a brawl with West Bromwich Albion at Highbury Tuesday night.

Albion, leading at half-time thanks to Andy Whytels 27th minute effort, looked to have the First Division game sewn up when substitute Nicky Cross added a second in the 85th minute.

But the undaunted gunners, who had scored only 11 home goals all season before Tuesday night, produced a spectacular comeback. Substitute Raphael got a goal back almost straight from the kick-off. Then Alan Sunderland cracked a dramatic equalizer a minute from time to spark a pitch invasion by jubilant Arsenal fans.

There was more drama to come as a clash between Arsenal's Brian Talbot and Ally Robertson of Albion sparked a touchline brawl. However, referee John Martin took no disciplinary action after separating the players.

Wolverhampton Wanderers scraped their way out of the English First Division's bottom three for the first time for two months with a 1-0 win over fellow-strugglers Leeds United at Molyneux.

After the first half goal, Wolves had to defend desperately after the break as Leeds strove to improve their miserable away form this season. Only superb saves from Paul Bradshaw kept the home goal intact.

It was an important night in the Second Division Championship stakes as Watford hauled themselves to within two points of Luton town after the leaders had gone down in a seven-goal thriller at Barnsley. Second half goals by Coss Jenkins and John Barnes gave Watford a 2-0 win at bottom-of-the-table Grimsby.

Meanwhile, Tom Forsyth, the rugged Rangers defender has been forced to retire from the game through injury. The 33-year-old Scottish international is to accept medical advice to quit after a four-month battle against a serious knee complaint.

Forsyth, who has nicked up every honor in Scotland since joining Rangers from Motherwell for 40,000 pounds ten years ago, said, "I would end up cripple if I attempted to keep playing".

The problem was Forsyth's injury-prone right knee, from which he has had two cartilages removed. It was responsible for him missing Rangers' League Cup win over Dundee United in November.

English pop star Elton John, who is also chairman of the English Second Division side Watford, has come to the aid of the New Zealand World Cup Squad by arranging for his club to tour New Zealand.

John, who was in New Zealand for a concert tour, was approached by New Zealand World Cup manager John Adshead. Adshead was looking for top-class opponents for the final and vital part of his team's preparation for the June competition in Spain. "I was only too glad to help," said John.

Elton John called England and Watford will now play three matches in New Zealand, May 22, 26, and 29.

An Irish team is also due to arrive in New Zealand in early May for some training matches against the squad, known as the Kiwis after the New Zealand flightless bird.

Earlier plans to bring the English First Division side Manchester City to New Zealand have fallen through because of what soccer officials called "unreasonable financial demands."

New Zealand's players, rated as the undergods of the World Cup series, started the first round of their club season this past weekend.

Meanwhile, Johan Cruyff has turned down the chance to review his international career by agreeing to turn out for the Netherlands in a friendly match against Scotland at Hampden Park, Glasgow on March 23.

The 34-year-old Cruyff, back playing for his first club Ajax Amsterdam in the Dutch First Division, is apparently upset that he was not consulted over the possibility of selection. "I don't like being told about these things by a third party," he commented.

National team boss Kees Rijvers selected Cruyff last year for the home World Cup qualifier against France, but he pulled out after a disagreement with the Dutch Football Federation over what shirt he should wear.

Alan Sunderland.... to Asenal's rescue

Results

English Division One

Arsenal	2	West Bromwich	2
Wolverhampton	1	Leeds	0

Division Two

Barnsley	4	Luton	3
Grimsby	0	Watford	2
Orient	1	Norwich	1
Shewsbury	1	Wrexham	1

Division Three

Doncaster	1	Carlisle	1
Fulham	1	Plymouth	3
Gillingham	2	Southend	0
Newport	1	Bristol Rovers	1
Preston	1	Lincoln	1
Walsall	1	Reading	2

Division Four

Aldershot	0	Peterborough	1
Colchester	0	Mansfield	1
Crewe	1	Hartlepool	2
Darlington	3	Wigan	1
Scunthorpe	0	Bournemouth	2
Sheffield United	7	Northampton	3
Tranmere	2	Rochdale	0
York	1	Hull	3

Standings

English Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	31	16	7	8	53	42	55
Swansea	29	16	5	8	43	30	53
Manchester United	27	14	8	5	40	20	50
Arsenal	29	14	8	7	25	20	50
Liverpool	27	14	6	7	51	24	48
Manchester City	30	13	9	8	43	32	48
Ipswich	26	15	2	9	47	37	47
Tottenham	24	14	4	6	42	23	46
Brighton	29	11	11	7	34	30	44
Nottingham Forest	28	11	9	8	30	32	42
Everton	29	10	10	9	36	34	40
Westham	28	9	12	7	46	37	39
Aston Villa	29	9	10	10	35	37	37
Notts County	28	9	7	12	41	42	34
Stoke City	30	9	5	16	32	46	32
West Bromwich	25	7	10	8	30	28	31
Birmingham	27	6	9	12	38	43	27
Leeds	27	7	6	14	21	40	27
Wolverhampton	30	7	6	17	19	48	27
Coventry	29	6	7	16	36	52	25
Sunderland	28	5	7	16	20	41	22
Middlesbrough	28	3	10	15	19	39	19

In Africa Nations' Cup

Ghana edges out Algeria

BENGHAZI, Libya, March 17 (Agencies) — Algerian captain Ali Fergani was sent off as the World Cup finalists crashed 3-2 to three-time champions Ghana in the semifinals of the Africa Nations' Soccer Cup here Tuesday night.

Midfielder Fergani received his marching orders for kicking Kofi Badu in the 78th minute. The bad-tempered Algerians then let Ghana winger John Essien score an 89th minute equalizer from a Kofi Badu free-kick which sent the clash into extra time. George Alhassan calmly collected the winner after 13 minutes of the first period.

Algeria attempted to bolster their attack by fielding Djamel Zidane who arrived from his Belgian club Courtrai hours before the match. Although his 28th minute goal put Algeria back on terms after Alhassan opened the scoring for Ghana in the third minute, he did not fit into the team. Sala Assad fired Algeria ahead midway through the second-half but their obstructive tactics culminated in Fergani being sent off.

Libya, buoyed by the enthusiastic support of a 30,000-strong home crowd, swept through to the final for the first time Wednesday night when they defeated Zambia 2-1.

Ali Beshari grabbed a goal in the match's dying minutes to give Libya the match and spark victory celebrations among the crowd which continued long after the match had ended. Zambia took the lead with a Peter Kuamba goal in the 28th minute goal, but Libya quickly hit back, Sassi Egaili heading a goal seven minutes later. The second half was a tense battle until Beshari shot the winning goal.

Zambian goalkeeper Ghost Mulenga, an early casualty of some bruising exchanges in the first-half was forced to leave the field in the 25th minute after a clash with Libyan left winger Faraj Barossi. Mulenga was taken to hospital for stitches to a cut above his right eye.

Libya meet Ghana in Friday's final here following the three-time champions 3-2 win over World Cup finalists Algeria in Benghazi.

Meanwhile, Serge Rogov, former coach of the Algerian national football team that is bound for the World Cup, has returned to the Soviet Union to join a technical committee on football development, it was announced in Algiers Monday.

Rogov, who came to Algeria in 1978 to teach sports and then took over the team, was reduced to the role of technical counselor when Khalef Mohieddinne was named trainer earlier this year.

In a declaration to the Algerian Press Service, Rogov said, "All the officials and Algerian players have expressed appreciation for my work, a symbol of cooperation between our two countries."

World Soccer Cup finalists Peru will embark on a seven-match tour of the United States and Europe next month in preparation for the finals in Spain in June.

Spanish businessman Fernando Torcal, who arranged the tour, said the first match would be on April 4 against the New York Cosmos. From there they travel to Italy to play Fiorentina on April 7 and Inter-Milan on April 14.

Radnicki ousts Dundee United

YUGOSLAVIA, March 17 (AP) — Radnicki beat Dundee United of Scotland 3-0 here Wednesday and advanced to the semifinals of the UEFA Soccer Cup contest. The Scottish team won the first leg 2-0.

The scorers were centerforward Panajotovic in 53rd and 73rd and inside-right Djordjevic in 86th minute, of a penalty.

In the European Champions' Cup, Belgian club Anderlecht qualified for the semifinals with a 2-1 victory over Red Star Belgrade. The Belgian team had also won the first leg 2-1.

Inside-right Hofkens and left half Veerkautern got the Anderlecht goals in the 33rd and 60th minute respectively while centerforward Savic got the losers' only goal through a penalty in the 45th minute.

Right half Losano was a conspicuous offender, when he flopped with a penalty, kicking straight into the hands of Yugoslav goalkeeper Simeunovic.

The Belgian team, also coached by Yugoslav, Toma Ivic, dominated and dictated the trend right from the kick-off and hardly gave Red Stars much scope to make any headway.

World Cup Soccer

Talent aplenty, but England manager still dazed

LONDON, March 17 (AP) — England will play this year in the World Cup finals for the first time since 1970, but that has not stopped widespread media criticism of team manager Ron Greenwood.

England just edged out Romania to qualify after a series of surprise results in its European group, and Greenwood was blamed for unadventurous selection. Hungary eventually topped the group and England clinched a place in Spain despite losing to such relatively minor teams as Norway and Switzerland.

After four years in charge Greenwood has yet to settle on a first-choice lineup. He has too many adequate potentials and not enough of true international quality. England's record since winning the World Cup in 1966 is unimpressive.

Qualification for the 1970 World Cup was a formality. England automatically played as defending champion, failing to make it past the second phase. But in both 1974 and 1978 the team failed to qualify for the finals.

There is widespread pessimism about the current team's chances in Spain, even though England has been drawn in a fairly undemanding opening round group along with France, Kuwait and Czechoslovakia. Greenwood's apparent insistence on playing veterans like Mick Mills and Dave Watson has angered critics, but a fine win against Northern Ireland last month has, temporarily at least, lessened the pressure on the England manager.

Greenwood, 60, former manager of West Ham United, experimented in that match and the team responded with an enterprising 4-0 victory. The most outstanding feature of the game was the performance of Manchester United midfielder Ray Wilkins as a continental style sweeper. Greenwood feels it might be necessary to play a sweeper in some World Cup games. Wilkins took to the role very quickly. "We won't be using the tactic all the time," Greenwood said. "But it is another option we have added to our repertoire."

Brighton centerback Steve Foster and West Bromwich Albion striker Cyrille Regis both made their international debuts against Northern Ireland and performed impressively, while Tottenham's midfield star Glenn Hoddle was given another chance to influence the national team to the same extent he inspires his club side.

Steve Coppell...strong contender

Viv Anderson... enterprising defender

Hoddle, darling of the English media, appears to be the most naturally gifted England player. But a series of disappointing international performances and a tendency to drift out of a game when things are going badly, make him very much a fringe choice. Some in Greenwood's legion of critics would like to see the England team built around Hoddle's long passing game, but the manager — despite being an advocate of attacking soccer — has shown a reluctance to gamble on Hoddle's skills.

Greenwood instead has built his team around solid, dependable but essentially uninspiring players like defenders Mills, Watson and Phil Neal, and vastly experienced men like Trevor Brooking, Steve Coppell and captain Kevin Keegan further forward.

Keegan, two-time European player of the year, remains a striker of the highest quality and this season has shown outstanding form for his club Southampton, the current leader of the English league standings. But there is a feeling that England needs new blood to compete effectively in Spain.

The introduction of the exciting Regis and Aston Villa winger Tony Morley and Greenwood's choice of full backs Viv Anderson and Kenny Sansom against Northern Ireland suggests Greenwood is prepared to give youth a chance.

The manager himself gives very little away, but does concede he would like to see a more exciting approach. "I would like to see a lot more adventure from individuals," he said. "Players on the ball must be prepared to run at people the way we saw Diego Maradona (of Argentina) expressing himself against us at Wembley.

"We don't have enough people who are prepared or encouraged to do it at the present time." One of Greenwood's major World Cup selection problems concerns the goalkeeping role. Ray Clemence of Tottenham and Peter Shilton of Nottingham Forest have rotated since Greenwood took over as manager in 1978 but such a system would be unthinkable in Spain.

At full back Greenwood can choose between veterans Mills and Neal or the more enterprising combination of Anderson and Sansom, while West Bromwich pair Brendan Batson and Derek Statham also are in contention.

Center half Watson, now 36, lost his first team spot with Southampton earlier this season, but has been in five form since being traded to Stoke. Foster, strong in the air but lacking in pace, West Ham's Alvin Martin, which is easily turned, and Liverpool's Phil Thompson are the other candidates for central defensive roles.

England's midfield shows more promise. Wilkins and his clubmate Bryan Robson both are intelligent playmakers and likely starters, while the third spot probably will be contested by Hoddle, the clever but slowing Trevor Brooking and hard-working Terry McDermott of Liverpool, who has been a prolific goalscorer at club level this season.

Morley, Coppell and Laurie Cunningham of Real Madrid are the contenders for a place on the wing. Keegan and Manchester City's speedy but injury prone Trevor Francis are the two outstanding strikers, but do not link well together. That leaves Greenwood with a real problem. But with the bustling Regis, Cologne's Tony Woodcock and Aston Villa's Peter Withe all challenging for a place, he was plenty of alternatives.

Pakistan blasts Bangladesh

KARACHI, March 17 (AFP) — Pakistan and India continued to hold sway with big victories in the Asian Cup Hockey Tournament at the Hockey Club of Pakistan here Wednesday.

World Champions Pakistan slammed in nine against Bangladesh, while Olympic champions India had to take the back seat Wednesday with a tally of seven against China. The run of victories sets up a final meeting of the two on Friday. In the third match of the day, Singapore and Sri Lanka notched their first points of the tournament when they drew 2-2.

This was the second meeting between Pakistan and Bangladesh after the Bangkok Asian Games of 1978. Pakistan had handed a 17-0 drubbing at that time and Wednesday's performance by Bangladesh was a shade better. The man Bangladesh have to thank is custodian Anvir Adil. He brought off at least six saves, in the sustained Pakistan domination. Also Kaleemullah missed two penalty strokes and these factors attributed to Pakistan not registering a double-figure score.

Inside-left Hanif Khan was the star performer for Pakistan. He led all scorers with a hat-trick, while the other four forwards also got into the scorers list. Hasan Sardar, Ishtiaq, Saeed Khan and Samiullah scored after defenders Qasim Zia and Manzoorul Hasan converted Penalty-corners.

India blasted China after taking a 3-0 lead by the break. The Chinese, however, did not go down without a fight. Twice the Chinese had the Indian goal at their mercy but poor finishing let them down. The Indians forged ahead with three penalty-corner goals of Surjit Singh and a brace by Mervyn Fernandes. Spearhead S.S. Grewal and Charanjit Kumar completed the rout.

Bottom-placed Sri Lanka and Singapore drew 2-2 to earn a point each, their first so far in the tournament. Sri Lanka took an early lead through a skillful angular goal from inside-left Preena Hafis. But seven minutes later Singapore's S. Morgan equalized from a penalty stroke.

A right flank attack brought Singapore into the lead as inside-left Veloo connected on a cross to make the score 2-1. Undeterred, the Sri Lankans continued to attack and centerforward Kutubhdeen cashed in on a rebound to equalize ten minutes after resumption.

Irfan's fine knock of no avail

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 17 — Sikander's Irfan has the penchant for the pull. Even then he could not pull Sikander's chestnut out of the fire in the P.S.95 Cricket Tournament last Friday.

But in Sikander's 12-run loss to Pak Jeddah, Irfan stood head and shoulders above others with a heroic 82. And except for him being run out, after pushing Sikander within the sights of Pak Jeddah's total, the result could have been otherwise.

Pak Jeddah could not consolidate on the fine start provided by Sohail (40) and Patel (20), who put on 65 runs for the first wicket. After a fluent 23 by Hamid, Pak Jeddah were sent into a spin by an accurate leg spin bowling of Ahmad. Ahmad, who finished with a haul of seven for 59 — the best so far in the tournament. But a courageous and brisk 39 by Adnan blostered Pak Jeddah's total.

But Pak Jeddah's tally of 167 looked a tall order for Sikander when its innings lay in ruins with five of its frontliners back with the total at 37 runs. And the damage was done by a deadly opening spell by Sohail and Adnan. Irfan, who was battling it out in the middle, took things into his hands at this stage. He farmed the fiery attack at the beginning of his innings, and later blossomed with a superb display of power hitting. Realising that everything depended on his, Irfan also tried to take the majority of the strike.

Pak Jeddah, finding Irfan hard to dislodge, switched on the heat at the other batsmen and had midding success in their efforts. And the absorbing battle between Irfan, trying to hold his wicket and also shield the other end, and the Pak Jeddah bowlers, who mainly concentrated on the others, finally came to an end rather tamely. Irfan trying to gain his ground while taking a quick single off the last ball, in order to shield Zahid (18 not out), fell prey to an accurate marskmen and this also marked the end of Sikander's fight.

Irfan was associated in two partnership. first 23 runs with Arif (14), and later 87 runs with Zahid for the last wicket. Till Irfan was out in the middle Sikander entertained slender hopes of making a match of it. But it was not to be. Sohail (five for 39) and Adnan (three for 67) were successful in giving Pak Jeddah a 12-run victory.

In the other match of the tournament, Shalimar, the Alireza League winners, encountered no difficulty in thrashing Jeddah Cricket Club (JCC) by seven wickets. JCC, batting first, were shot out for a paltry 52 with Shaukat (six for 20) and Shahid (two for 16) sharing the spoils. Only Sohail got into double figures with 18 to his credit. Anis with a sedate 26 steered Shalimar to the expected victory, but only after Hashim had put a scare in Shalimar with two early breakthroughs.

At Bad Kleinkirchheim

Mahre brothers dominate Giant Slalom

BAD KLEINKIRCHHEIM, Austria, March 17 (Agencies) — American twin ski aces Steve and Phil Mahre continued their victory sweep by capturing first and second places respectively in a men's World Cup Giant Slalom Wednesday.

But the battle for the World Cup Giant Slalom title between Phil Mahre and Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark remained open, with each totaling 100 points. World champion Steve Mahre swooped and swerved in two faultless runs through 60 and 55 gates of a course with a 400 meter, vertical drop in a winning aggregate time of two minutes 34.16 seconds.

Brother Phil, who has already clinched this year's overall World Cup title but has yet to win a Giant Slalom race, followed in 2:34.23.

Stenmark has won four of the season's seven Giant Slaloms but came only 17th after two runs in which he seemed listless and made many mistakes. He is second in the overall standings.

The Mahres' triumph followed double success in Jasna, Czechoslovakia, last weekend when Steve won a Giant Slalom on Saturday and Phil took first place in a Slalom on Sunday.

With two Giant Slaloms and two Slaloms left to go — here, at Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia, and San Sicario, Italy — the 24-year-old American from White Pass, Washington, looks close to achieving his goal.

The first American ever to win the World Cup, Mahre owed his victory last year primarily to Stenmark's refusal to compete in the downhill. But this year the young American is determined to beat Stenmark at his own game, the Slalom, by wrestling from him both the Slalom and Giant Slalom titles.

Last weekend at Jasna, Czechoslovakia, Mahre maintained his five-point lead over Stenmark in the Slalom standings with a first place in Sunday's race. The Swede came in second.

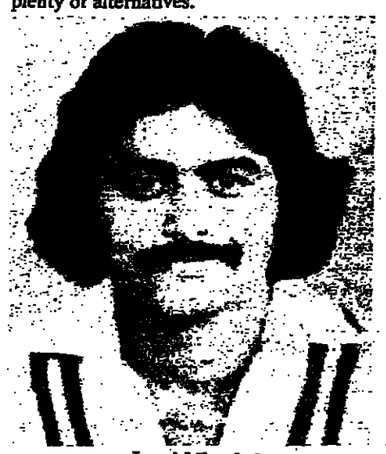
In the Giant Slalom Saturday, Mahre finished third to Stenmark's sixth, but the Swede joined Mahre in the standings because of the World Cup system of reckoning which allows a skier to count his five best results.

Mahre has an important edge over Stenmark in his quest for the Slalom titles — his twin brother Steve. Steve snatched the Giant Slalom title from Stenmark at the world Alpine Skiing Championships last month. And he kept the Swede seeing double last weekend when he won the Giant Slalom Saturday and finished third in the Slalom Sunday.

Stenmark, seven-time World Cup Giant Slalom title holder, will need all his talent and drive to overcome the Mahre brothers, whose consistency throughout the season seems to point to a brilliant finish.

(AP photo)

ON VICTORY PATH : Steve Mahre, brother of Phil, who won the Giant Slalom in Jasna, Czechoslovakia last Saturday, repeats the feat, winning the event in Austria too.



Javed Miandad

Miandad decides to quit captaincy

KARACHI, March 17 (AFP) — Pakistani cricket captain Javed Miandad is to step down as skipper for the coming England tour following the refusal of ten players to join his team for the current series against Sri Lanka.

In a statement issued Wednesday in Faisalabad, where he is currently leading his side in the second Test against Sri Lanka, he said he had taken this decision in the "interest of the country's prestige and my pride in being a Pakistani."

"There were no pressures on me and I have taken this decision completely on my own. I hope the Pakistan Cricket Board will uphold my decision and name someone else to lead the Pakistan team for the England tour, starting coming June," he said.

He also appealed to senior players to forget the unfortunate controversy and play for Pakistan in the third Test against Sri Lanka beginning at Lahore on March 24.

South Africans score easy victory

DURBAN, South Africa, March 17 (AP) — South Africa swept to an easy 79-run victory over the English rebels cricket side Wednesday and moved to a 2-0 lead in the three match 50-overs one-day series.

The South Africans had 6.4 overs to spare in the match when Derek Underwood holed out to Alan Kourie at mid-on off Peter Kirsten. The loss was the third straight for the visitors, who have defied an international ban on play in South Africa to make the tour.

South Africa, led by a classic topscoring 41 by lefthanded batsman Graeme Pollock, totaled 231 for six wickets in their allotted 50 overs to which the visitors answered with a mere 152. A crowd of 14,500 turned out to see the home side add to their seven-wickets victory over Graham Gooch's side in Port Elizabeth earlier in the month. The 38-year-old Pollock struck two sixes and three fours in his 62-minute stay.

The English rebels began disastrously losing openers Gooch and Boycott early. Wayne Larkins stemmed the slide briefly but wickets tumbled at the other end. A brief revival by Larkins (47) and Peter Willey (31) in an uninspiring rate was the only bright spot in the English's innings which was wrecked by Van Der Bijl, who grabbed three wickets, and Le Roux, who had two.

Audain sets new mark

AUCKLAND, March 17 (R) — New Zealand's Anne Audain set a world fastest time for the women's 5,000 meters Wednesday when she clipped 1.29 seconds off the mark set by Paula Fudr of Britain last year.

She clocked 15 minutes 13.22 seconds, with a scorching final lap of 68 seconds. The record attempt seemed in jeopardy until the 3,000-meter mark when Audain decided to break away from her two supporting runners.

"I didn't know whether I was committing suicide but I wasn't just going to go close," she said later. "I thought I'm going to push it or blow up. I just held my concentration and made it." Audain leaves for the United States next week for a series of road races. She said she would return to New Zealand to prepare for the 3,000 meters, the longest official race for women, at the Brisbane Commonwealth Games in October.

As Bird excels

Celtics rally to down Bullets

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP) — Larry Bird just won't cooperate with the Boston Celtics' plans to bring him back slowly from a fractured cheekbone.

Bird, coming off the bench for the fourth straight game after missing five in-a-row because of the injury, scored 31 points and tied his career high with 21 rebounds as the Celtics edged the Washington Bullets 98-97 in overtime Tuesday night.

The victory stretched Boston's National Basketball Association winning streak to 12. The streak, which has helped the Celtics take a 3½-game edge over Philadelphia in the race for the best record in the Eastern Conference, left coach Bill Fitch in good humor over Bird's performance.

"I like the way things are going now, and Larry likes being the sixth man," Fitch said. "Someone told him he's the highest-paid sixth man in history." Bird was less enthusiastic, but diplomatic, about his admittedly temporary role. "It's all right," said Bird, who had eight points in the extra period. "Right now, it's my turn to sit."

In other games, Los Angeles defeated Portland 120-108, San Antonio bombed New York 114-91, Indiana topped Seattle 109-96, Detroit edged San Diego 114-110, Milwaukee stopped Philadelphia 106-91, Phoenix beat Houston 114-109 and Denver outlasted Utah 154-138.

The Celtics trailed 62-46 in the third quarter, but rallied for an 83-82 edge. A field goal and two free throws by Spencer Haywood, who led Washington with 24 points, gave the Bullets an 86-83 edge with just 14 seconds remaining, but the Celtics retained possession after Bird hit one free throw and missed a second with 11 seconds to go. Then Danny Ainge's 20-footer with three seconds left sent the game into overtime.

Bird's eight point and four by Robert Parish, who missed 11 of his first 14 shots, saved Boston in the extra period. Washington coach Gene Shue said the key to the loss may have been center Rick Mahorn's ejection early in the second period after he was called for two technicals.

"Boston is trying to win the championship," Shue said. "We're trying to make the playoffs. The officials ought to recognize the importance of the game and walk away after the first technical." Shue and Jim Chones of the Bullets also were called for technicals just 11 seconds after Mahorn's two.

Bucks 106, 76ers 91: Sidney Moncrief scored 17 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter to break open a close game against Philadelphia. Milwaukee led 80-76 when Moncrief started a string of 13 straight Bucks points that put them ahead 93-81 with 4:43 to go. The Bucks, who ended their five-game losing streak with a victory over Utah Sunday, ended a five-game winning streak for Philadelphia, which got 27 points from Andrew Toney.

Suns 114, Rockets 109: Dennis Johnson scored a season-high 37 points, including two late free throws that helped Phoenix withstand a last-ditch Houston rally.

The Rockets faced an 86-78 deficit after three quarters, but they cut the gap to 111-109 with 27 seconds left. Then Johnson hit the two foul shots and Len "Truck" Robinson scored 25 points for the Suns, connected on one of two free throws with nine seconds to go. Moses Malone scored 36 points to lead the Rockets. Elvin Hayes scored 22 for Houston to put him over the 1,000-point mark for the 14th straight season, two less than John Havlicek's NBA record.

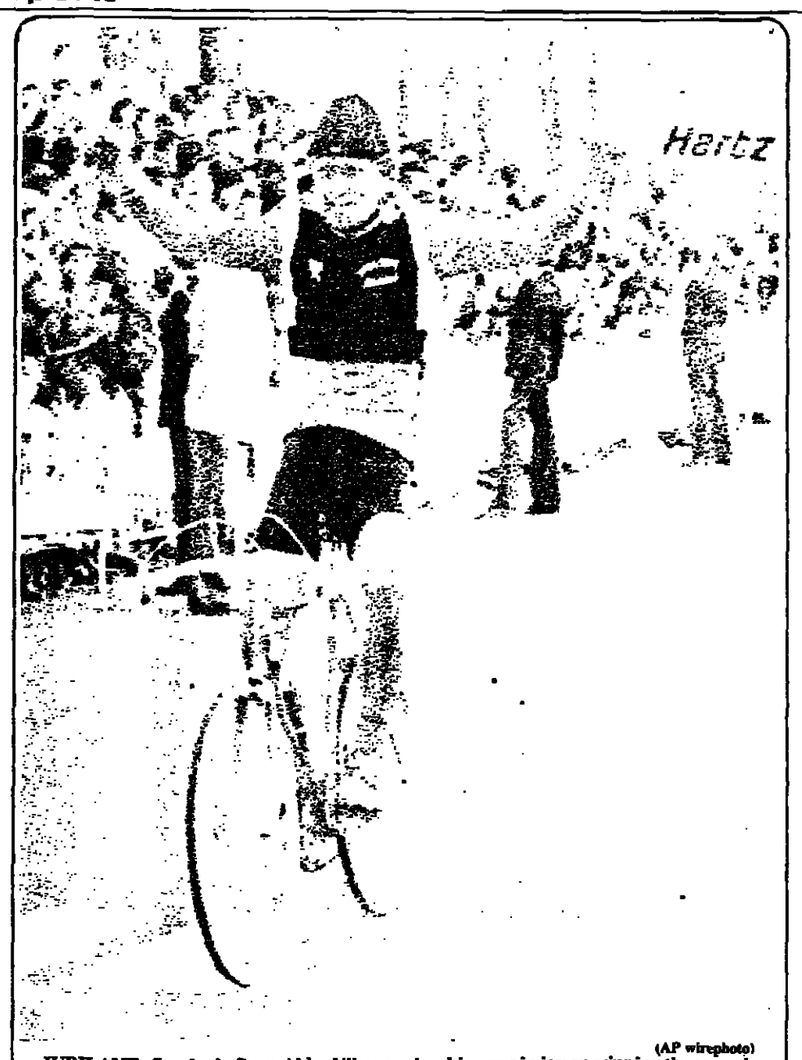
Lakers 120, Blazers 108: Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 16 of his 24 points in the third period to help Los Angeles break open a close game. The game was tied 67-67 with 8:40 left in the quarter before a 19-5 run by the Lakers. Johnson scored the Lakers' last 12 points of the third period, and they took a 96-84 edge into the final quarter.

Pacers 109, Sonics 96: Johnny Davis scored 26 points to help Indiana beat Seattle and break a four-game losing streak. The Pacers, who had lost 12 of their previous 13 games to the Sonics, led 62-54 at half time and extended the margin to 15, at 74-59, with 6:25 remaining in the third period. Seattle could get no closer than nine points thereafter.

Nuggets 154, Jazz 138: Denver handed Utah its 11th straight loss while scoring the most points by an NBA team this season in a regulation game. Alex English had 32 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists as the Nuggets scored 100 points or more for the 100th straight game since Jan. 18, 1981. The league record is 129 by the San Antonio Spurs. Kiki Vandeweghe scored 30 points, Dan Issel 26 and David Thompson 21 as the Nuggets won for the sixth time in their last seven outings. Adrian Dantley had 36 for Utah.

Spurs 114, Knicks 91: George Gervin and Mike Mitchell both scored 33 points as San Antonio bombed New York. Gervin had 31 points and Mitchell 29 with 5:30 left in the third quarter. At that point, they had more points than the entire Knicks team as the Spurs led 78-57. Michael Ray Richardson scored 25 points to lead New York.

Pistons 114, Clippers 110: Isiah Thomas scored 27 points and Kelly Tripucka added 26 to lead Detroit past San Diego. The Clippers, who got a game-high 33 points from Michael Brooks, trailed 97-94 early in the fourth quarter, but Tripucka hit four straight baskets for the Pistons to open a 105-98 margin. San Diego then came back, closing the gap to 109-108 with 1:07 left. But Thomas made three throws and Terry Tyler two in the final minute to clinch the victory.



(AP wirephoto)

JUBILANT: Sweden's Sven-Akke Nilsson raises his arms in joy on winning the second-leg of the Paris-Nice bicycle race, Saturday, covering the distance of 215 kms from Avallon to Montlucon in 5 hrs. 55 mins.

Cibona pips Real Madrid in thriller

BRUSSELS, March 17. (R) — Cibona Zagreb of Yugoslavia snatched a surprise 96-95 win over Spain's Real Madrid in the men's European Cup Winners' Basketball Cup final here Tuesday night.

Under tight security, laid on as a result of frequent violent incidents among the Brussels Yugoslav community, about 2,500 spectators at the Simonet Stadium in Anderlecht thrilled to a closely-fought match which went into five minutes of extra time.

The star of the game was Cibona's Kresemir Cosic, who has played 284 times for Yugoslavia. He scored a maginficent 34 points despite having to leave the match during the second half after four faults.

The Yugoslavs were clear favorites in the first half, helped by Real Madrid's lack of precision in shooting, and at the break they had a comfortable 50-40 lead. But the Madrid team, who have won their national league 21 times, the Spanish Cup 18 times and the European Cup seven times, recovered in the second half with a strong challenge, thanks to attacking play by American Wayne Brabender who notched 17 points.

Brabender, Jose-Louis Llorente and Fernando Romay, all helped their side to equalize during the half, and kept the pressure on until the last seconds of the game, where the score rested at 88-88.

In extra-time, the lead went back and forth but with 30 seconds remaining Cibona drew 96-93 ahead. With only 19 seconds left, Real pulled back two points but defensive play from the Yugoslavs kept them out.

Moignan, Awad move into last four stage

BLACKPOOL, England, March 17 (AFP) — England's Martinne Le Moignan and Egypt's Gamal Awad reached the semifinals of the 12,000 pounds Audi World Squash Cup by defeating the Anglo—Pakistani pairing of Angela Smith and Masood Ahmad here Tuesday night.

Moignan, ranked third in Britain, caused a mild flutter with her 9-1, 9-7, 1-9, 9-6 victory ove Smith, who is ranked second in Britain. The 18-year-old Moignan exhibited an all-round ability and a fine blend of attack and defense in Tuesday's triumph.

The Egyptian's victory was also a surprising one. Awad, the world No. 6, staged a remarkable rally to oust the world No. 5, Masood, in a five-game thriller. Awad won at 5-9, 4-9, 9-1, 10-8, 9-2. The Pakistani visibly tired after the extended battle in the fourth after leading 2-1 on the game score. The decisive fifth saw the Masood going out rather tamely. The Egyptian's better stamina proved the decisive factor in the match where fortunes fluctuated often.

In the semifinals, Pakistan's Qamar Zaman and Britain's Rhonda Thorne take on Australia's Dean Williams and Rae Anderson at Derby Wednesday, while defending champions Hiddy Jahan of Pakistan and Vicki Hoffman of Australia now face Awad and Moignan in Woking on March 25.

In Faisalabad Test

Pakistan in tight spot

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, March 17 (AP) — Pakistan's cricketers finished the third day of their second Test against the Sri Lankan team Tuesday in precarious condition — still needing 45 runs to avoid follow on with only two wickets intact during their match at Iqbal Stadium here.

When play ended about 30 minutes early due to poor light, the Pakistanis were 210 for eight wickets in reply to Sri Lanka's huge first innings score of 454. At the end of play, wicketkeeper-batsman Ashraf Ali, playing his first Test, stood at 50 and Rashid Khan at nine.

The double spim Sri Lanka attack by Somachandra de Silva and Ajith de Silva created all the trouble for the Pakistani batsmen sharing five wickets among themselves. Sri Lanka medium pace bowler de Mel also did a good job as he claimed two wickets, one Monday and the other Tuesday.

Pakistan resumed its first innings with an overnight score of 47 for one wicket. They first lost Saleem Malik wicket and then just before lunch skipper Javed Miandad was caught trying to hit a lofty shot. Pakistan took lunch at 112 for three wickets.

After lubch, the continued pressure of the Sri Lankans paid off when they got the wicket of Wasim Raja playing a careless stroke.

Haroon Rashid, plaing strokes all around the wicket, seemed to have settled and looked well set. But when he tried to hit Somachandra high, de Mel ran down deep toward the boundary keeping his eyes set on the ball and held a magnificent catch to make Pakistan six wickets down with exactly 101 runs required to avoid follow on.

Ashraf Ali, Test debutant, began playing sweep shots and gave quick runs to Pakistan, but on the other end Tahir Naqqash was caught. Iqbal Qasim joined Ashraf Ali and was run out. The lengthening shadows helped Pakistan, forcing an end to play.

Ashraf Ali was dropped in the slips when he has scored only 23 runs. Wednesday is a rest day, and game will resume on Thursday.

The gloves that took their toll

SACRAMENTO, California, March 17 (AFP) — Former world featherweight champion Bobby Chacon won his match against Mexican Salvador Ugalde here Tuesday night just hours after hearing his wife had committed suicide because he refused to give up boxing.

The 30-year-old Chacon took just three rounds to finish off his opponent by a technical knockout. After the fight, he said all he wanted to do was "Get in and out of the ring." Chacon's wife, Valorie, 31, put a bullet in her head Monday at the couple's home in Palermo, California. Before leaving Sacramento to join his three children Tuesday, the former champion indicated he had no choice but to continue his boxing career.

Meanwhile, Frank Bruno, regarded as Britain's best heavyweight boxing hope, was given the go-ahead for his first professional fight by a high court judge in London Tuesday.

Bruno, 20, who is 6 ft 3 ins tall and weighs 15.½ stones, was at the center of a legal tussle between rival managers Terry Lawless and Bert McCarthy.

Butt changes course of match in two overs

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, March 17 — Though there were pulsating encounters in the First Division knockout phase of the Eastern Province Cricket League, high drama took place in the lone Second Division clash in Al-Khobar last weekend.

The match between Al-Khobar Cricket Club and Bechtel Khobar Cricket Club looked to be petering out into an one-sided affair. But the turn of events was caused by superb bowling of Tariq Butt. He literally transformed what looked like sure defeat into victory for Al-Khobar in one magic spell. In his two overs, the fifth and sixth overs, he sent back eight Bechtel batsmen and had a magnificent analysis of eight for 22, which included a hat-trick.

Al-Khobar's 35-run victory did not look on the cards when they mustered up a poor 11 in 17.6 overs. The total was possible mainly due to two bright innings from Waqar (39) and Shahid Javaid (36) as the other batsmen could not face up to the sustained attack of Christ Holt (three for 31), Ahmad (two for 15) and Sayid (two for 28). And when, in replay, Bechtel proceeded to 54 for the loss of one wicket, Al-Khobar's chances of making a match of it looked a distant dream, till Butt produced those two magic overs. From 54 for one, Bechtel crumbled to 76 in 15 overs.

Meanwhile, the bowlers in the First Division did not have things much their way, though some did leave their mark. In the three quarter final matches which were gone through, Petromin sprang a surprise when they recorded a six-wicket triumph over Karachi Gymkhana.

Karachi Gymkhana, which had emerged as Poll 'A' leaders unscathed, paid dearly for its only loss in the EPCL. The loss put paid to its hopes of claiming the EPCL title. And the man, who burst their bubble was Salman Hamid. Hamid excelled with the willow and the leather as Petromin realized its cherished hopes of making the last four stage.

Karachi Gymkhana, batting first, began disastrously and never recovered really. Though Rashad Mukhri, with a sedate 77, and Nooruddin (20) blostered the tally to 161, the target was too little for a side which had plundered runs at will. And Hamid had a share in the destruction of Karachi Gymkhana's innings. He (three for 37) and Vinod Rao (two for 45) proved able foils for the main destroyer Habib Sheikh (four for 29).

Then Hamid put Petromin on the victory trail with a brilliant 72. His efforts were substantiated by Shaukat Sheikh (39) and Iqbal Merchant (210 as Farooq Qureshi saw Petromin through with a brisk contribution of 11 not out.

Brief scores:

Arabian Gulf 377 for 7 wkts. in 30 overs (Tauheed 138, Misbah 68, Jalal Akbar 57, Salman Shakir 3 for 71) beat Fluor Arabia 171 in 27.3 overs (Jamshed Mri 44, Malik Idrees 31, Muan 5 for 35).

Arabian Eaglets 246 in 30 overs (Ghulam Shabbir 101, Hassan Ali 55, Khalid Khan 22, Naeem Siddique 21 n.o., Alvi 3 for 38, Fazli 3 for ·44, Gunasekera 3 for 48) beat Juyaimah-RT GC Karim Jan 3 for 42, Humayoon 3 for 50, Khalid Khan 2 for 38).

Karachi Gymkhana 161 in 25.7 overs (Rashad Mukhri 77, Nooruddin 20, Habib Sheikh 4 for 29, Salman Hamid 3 for 37, Vinod Rao 2 for 45) lost to Petromin 163 for 4 wkts. Merchant 21, Farooq Qureshi 11 n.o., Pervaiz Ahmed 3 for 20).

Aramco- Abqaiq 167 for 7 wkts. in 30 overs (Tahir Anjum 50, Islamuddin 36, Amin 20 n.o., Shahbaz 3 for 35, Ayjaz Ahmed 2 for 17) vs Abahsain GCC 126 for 7 wkts. in 22 overs (Parvez 56, Ayjaz 23, Saquib 2 for 10, Masood 2 for 25).

Al-Khobar 111 in 17.6 overs (Waqar 39, Shahid Javaid 36, Chris Holt 3 for 31, Ahmad 2 for 15, Sayid 2 for 28) beat Bechtel Khobar 76 in 15 overs (C.Woods 25, R. Little 16, Tariq Butt 8 for 22)

Connors has it easy

Unseeded Waltke upsets Kriek in opener

STRASBOURG, France, March 17 (AFP) — Australian Open champion, Johan Kriek of South Africa tumbled out of the World Championship Tennis (WCT) Tournament here Tuesday night but top seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia dropped only three games in his first round match.

The 23 year-old Florida-based Kriek, ranked 10th in the world, went out in three sets 1-6, 7-6, 6-0 to Trey Waltke, an American languishing 149 places behind Kriek in the world rankings.

Lendl, who took over as top seed following the withdrawal of Wimbledon and United States Open champion John McEnroe with a sprained ankle, defeated Tony Giammalva of the United States 6-1, 6-2.

Kriek won the first set easily enough, dropping only one game, but after losing the second ever a tie-breaker he went to pieces and did not win another game.

In other first round matches, Switzerland's Heinz Gunthardt beat Bruce Manson 7-6, 6-3, while Richard Meyer (U.S.) beat Rolf Gehring of West Germany 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

Wojtek Fibak of Poland and Sand Mayer of the U.S. scored fluent victories over Bob Lutz of the U.S. and Drew Gitlin (U.S.) to advance to the second round. Fibak won at 6-4, 6-3, while Mayer advanced with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Connors of the United States scored an easy 6-1, 6-2 victory over South Africa's Kevin Curren to advance to the third round of the Rotterdam Grand Prix Tennis Tournament Tuesday.

Connors, top-seed in the $250,000 tournament, needed only 50 minutes to dispose of his South African opponent in an uneventful match watched by some 7,000 spectators in the "ahoy" Sports Center.

Other seeded players had equally few problems in a second-round play. Second-seeded Gene Mayer of the United States defeated Britain's John Lloyd 6-4, 6-3 and third-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina overcame John Austin of the United States 6-2, 6-1.

ALL SET: Switzerland's Heinz Gunthardt, who beat American Bruce Manson in the WCT Championship Tuesday, is seen all set to return a volley.

Sweden's 17-year-old Matts Wilander, who made it to the final of the Belgium Open last week, proved no match for American John Sadri and was sent home 6-2, 6-3. However, John Alexander proved the most ruthless competitor, as he beat fellow Australian Rod Frawley 6-0, 6-1.

In the only upset of the day, Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia defeated Australia's Mark Edmondson 7-6, 6-4. Edmondson, 19th on the world ranking, said after the match that he had been bothered by a recent back injury.

It was announced that more than $1.5 million, a record will be awarded in the 1982 U.S. Open Tennis Championships, and, for the first time in a Grand Slam event, prize-money will be awarded in qualifying rounds.

Marvin T. Richmond, president of the U.S. Tennis Association and chairman of the Aug. 31-Sept. 12 championships at the National Tennis center, said Tuesday first-round losers will receive $500, second-round losers $600 and third-round losers $800. Third-round winners qualify for the main draw.

In Boston, Massachusetts, Fith-seeded Wendy Turnbull, using an explosive service and opportune charges to the net, defeated Julie Harrington 6-3, 6-3. Turnbull was troubled by the 29-year-old veteran's service in the first set, but the second saw Turnbull breeze to victory.

Three share lead in Dunlop Golf

KUALA LUMPUR, March 17 (AFP) — Defending champion Mario Siodina, teammate Paterno Braza of the Philippines and Singapore's Lim Swee Wah took the first-round lead in the Dunlop Masters Golf Championships at the Subang Course here Wednesday.

All three had scores of one-under-par 71. One stroke behind the leaders on par 72 were three other Filipinos — Eduardo Bagtas, Ireneo Legaspi and veteran Ben Arda — along with Malaysian Pung Choon Yi Yap.

The tournament here lost much of its glamour when several top Taiwanese players failed to turn up, among them the 1978 champion Chen Tze Ming, his brother Chen Tse Chung, and Shen Chung Shyan. The three, along with a number of American golfers, decided instead to take part in the Indian Open, the fifth-leg of the Asian circuit, which begins in Calcutta Thursday.

American D. Kulver was one of the seven who are placed two strokes behind the leaders on 73. The group tied at 73 includes five Malaysians and one Taiwanese, Hung Fa. The Malaysians are, Bobby Lim, P. Sandana-Samy, Latif Muhammad, M. Marimuthu, and Zainal Abidin Yusof.

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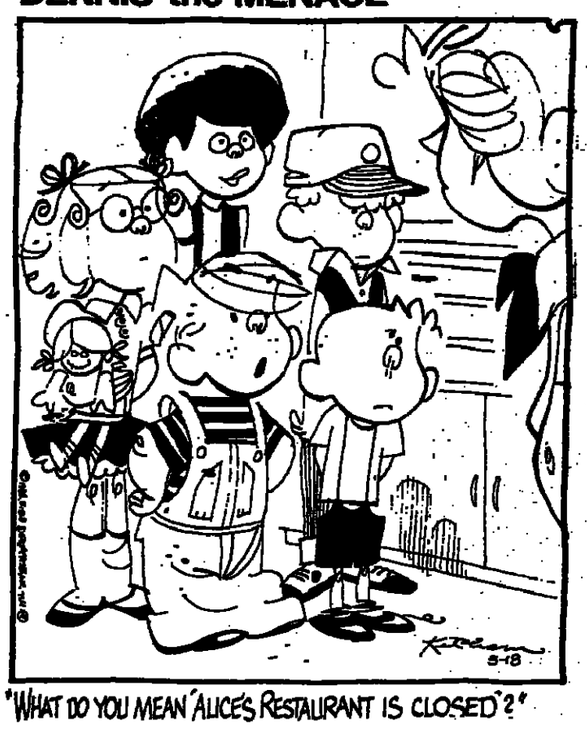

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'ALICE'S RESTAURANT IS CLOSED'?"

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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10 Came down
11 Old saws
13 Role for Lucille Ball
14 Pertain
15 An individual
16 Faucet
17 Give — whirl (2 wds.)
18 Unyielding
20 Kook
21 FDR's Scottie
22 Walk
23 Fabric style
25 Sought diamonds
26 Ancient Egyptian city
27 Word with jammer
28 Sailor
29 Blast of trumpets
32 Small bird
33 Outfit
34 Medit. fortress
35 Educe
37 Mulberry cloth
38 Aloof
39 Melee
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41 Wallach's Jackson

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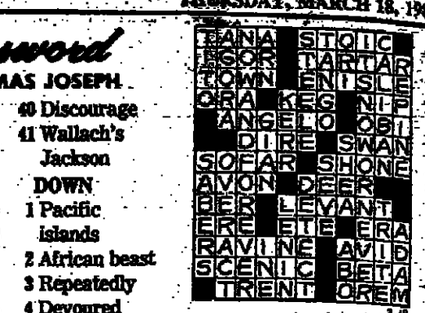

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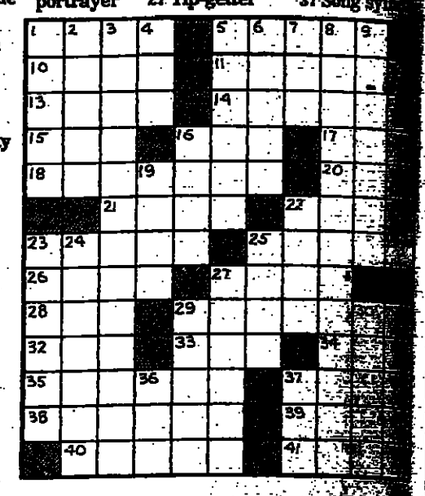

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work:

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE MAN WHO NEVER MAKES A MISTAKE IS THE MAN WHO NEVER DOES ANYTHING.—THEODORE ROOSEVELT

arab news Calendar

TV Programs

SAUDI ARABIA

9:00 Opening
— Quran
— Islamic Program
— Cartoons
— Children's Magazine
— Children's Series
— Arabic Weekly Series
— Family Program
— Arabic Weekly Series
— Sports
— Songs from Movies
— Selected Item
— Children's Program
— Cartoons
— Religious Program
— Cultural Program
8:15 English News
— Local Program
9:30 Arabic News
— Daily Arabic Series
— Arabic Program
— Evening Variety Show
— Closedown

Bahrain Channel 4

3:00 Quran
— Religious Talk
3:20 Program Preview
3:35 Cartoons
4:30 Film
6:00 Religious Program
7:00 Daily Arabic Series
8:00 Arabic News
8:35 TV Magazine
9:30 Tomorrow's Programs
9:35 Daily Arabic Series
10:25 English Film.
11:30 News

Bahrain Channel 55

6:00 Program Preview
6:05 Exchanged House
6:15 Captain Cook's Travels
6:30 McDuff the Talking Dog
7:00 News
7:30 Science International
7:55 Helen Woman of Today
8:45 Sapphire and Steel
9:35 Tomorrow's Programs
9:40 Feature Film.
11:10 News

DUBAI Channel 10

2:00 Holy Quran
2:15 Religious Talk
2:30 Cartoons
3:00 Local Children' Program
4:00 Tarzan
4:45 Arabic Feature Film
6:00 Our Green Land
6:30 Religious Program
7:30 Local News
8:00 Dallas
9:00 Arabic Drama
10:00 World News
10:30 Program Preview/Songs
10:45 Eights On Incidents
11:00 Kung Fu
12:00 Closedown

DUBAI Channel 33

5:00 Holy Quran
5:15 The Houndcats
5:30 Superman
6:00 The Brady Bunch
6:30 The Muppet Show
6:50 Young Maverick
7:40 Local News
7:45 Barney Miller
8:00 Judd for the Defense
8:55 Islamic Horizons
9:05 The Incredible Mr. Tinner
10:00 World News
10:30 Monte Carlo Music Shows
10:55 Indian Feature Film

Oman

4:02 Quran
4:10 Religious Talk
4:18 Program Preview
4:20 Cartoons
4:50 Zeinch (Arabic Cartoon)
5:20 Songs
5:30 Illiteracy Lessons Book 2
6:00 Education and Life, Man and Machinery
6:48 Songs
7:00 Amongst Youth
7:30 Daily Arabic Series
8:20 Omani Song
8:30 News
8:50 Songs
9:00 Historical Series — The Palace Pearl, The Night Granada Fell, A Delegation of Witnesses
9:30 News
9:45 Variety
10:00 English News
10:20 Songs
10:30 Tomorrow's Programs
10:32 Best Sellers
11:00 News

Qatar

3:00 Quran
3:15 Religious Talk
3:30 Children's Arabic Series
4:00 Disneyland
5:00 Daily Arabic Series
6:00 Local News
6:15 Mountains
7:00 Energy
7:30 Daily Arabic Series
8:30 Arabic News
9:00 Sports News
9:15 Arabic Film
10:00 English News
10:15 Arabic Film

Radio Jeddah

Afternoon Transmission
Time Thursday
2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:06 Program Review
2:07 Gems of Guidance
2:12 Light Music
2:15 Top of the Pops Music of Relax
2:25 On Islam
2:35 Billboard's Hot 50
2:55 Light Music
3:00 The News
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Reflections on Fasting
3:20 Islam the Divine Truth
3:30 Garlands in Cash
3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission
Time Thursday
8:00 Opening
8:01 Holy Quran
8:06 Program Review
8:07 Gems of Guidance
8:12 Light Music
8:15 Music Worldwide
8:45 Pavillion of Fame
8:55 Reflections on Fasting
9:00 Art & Artists
9:30 The News
9:40 S. Chronicle
9:45 Life in Ramadan
9:50 Eve & Her World
10:00 Invitation Card
10:25 World Classics
10:40 Melody Maker
11:00 Concert Choice
11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
12:00 Closedown.

Radio Riyadh

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Thursday

14:00 Holy Quran
14:06 Summary
14:07 Islamic Program
14:12 Musical Potpourri
14:42 Short Story
15:00 News
15:15 From the press
15:20 Variety
15:30 Children's Program
15:59 Program Summary
16:00 French Program
20:00 Holy Quran
20:05 Summary
20:06 On Islam
20:16 Top of the Pops
2046 Reportage

21:06 Hits in Germany
21:30 News
21:45 Daily Chronicle
21:50 Around the world
22:40 Spotlight
22:50 Featured Pop
23:20 Higher & Roundabout
23:45 Today's Diary
23:48 News Headlines
23:53 Program Summary
23:55 Holy Quran
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Heraire
8h00 Ouverture; Versets Et Commentaire;
8h05 Bonjour
8h20 Varietes;
8h30 Magazine de la Semaine;
8h45 Musique;
9h00 Informations, Lumiere sur les informations.
9h15 Musique
9h30 Les Compagnons du Prophet
9h45 Varietes.
9h45 Musique, Cloture.

Heure:
18h00 Ouverture; Lumieres sur le Coran;
18h10 Musique Classique;
18h15 Arab Radio Rediff
18h30 Musique
18h45 Panorama
19h00 Panorama
19h15 Rayonne sur la voire du progres
19h30 Informations; Rvue de Presse;
19h45 Cloture.

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Thursday

0300 World News
0309 News about Britain
0315 Radio Newsreel
0330 Listening Post
0345 Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark
0415 Outlook
0445 A Pattern of Faith
0500 World News
0509 British Press Preview
0515 Network U.K.
0530 Assignment
0600 World News
0609 News about Britain
0615 The World Today
0630 My Word
0700 Newsdesk
0730 Classical Record Review (ex 4th, 18th, International Soccer Special)
0745 Financial News
0755 Reflections
0800 World News
0809 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
0830 Twentieth Century Folk
0845 The World Today
0900 Newsdesk
0930 Nature of Notebook
0940 The Farming World
1000 World News
1009 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
1030 Marching and Waltzing
1045 Network U.K.
1100 World News
1109 Reflections
1115 Opera Gallery (ex 4th, 18th, International Soccer Special)
1130 John Peel
1200 World News
1209 British Press Review
1215 The World Today
1230 Financial News
1240 Look Ahead
1245 Rock Salad
0115 The Withered Arm (ex 4th, Ploughman of the Moon)
0130 My Word
0200 World News
0209 News about Britain
0215 A Pattern of Faith
0230 Assignment
0300 Radio Newsreel
0315 Top Twenty
0345 Sports Round up
0400 World News
0409 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
0430 Network U.K.
0445 The Pleasant's Yours
0530 Discovery
0600 Radio Newsreel
0615 Outlook
0700 World News
0709 Commentary
0715 Assignment (ex 18th Racing)
0730 18th Opera Gallery
0745 The World Today
0800 World News
0809 Meridian
0840 Waveguide
0845 Sports Round-up
0900 World News
0909 News about Britain
0915 Radio Newsreel
0930 Animal, Vegetable or Mineral?
1000 Outlook: News Summary
1039 Stock Market Report
1043 Look Ahead
1045 Report on Religion
1100 World News
1109 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
1130 A Jolly Good Show
1215 Ulster Newsletter
1220 In the Meantime
1230 Business Matters
0100 World News
0109 The World Today
0125 Book Choice
0130 Financial News
0140 Reflections
0145 Sports Round-Up
0200 World News
0209 Commentary
0215 Merchant Navy Program
0230 Meridian

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Thursday

0600-0700 Daybreak: News, Regional and Topical Reports
0700-0800 The Breakfast Show: News, Informal Presentation
0800-0900 Daybreak/Breakfast Show
1800 News Roundup
1830 VOA Magazine Show
1900 Special English News
1910 Special English Science and Technology Report
1915 Special English Feature: The Making of a Nation
1930 Now Music USA
2000 News Roundup
2030 Dateline
2100 Special English News
2110 Special English Science and Technology Report
2115 Special English Feature: The Making of a Nation
2130 Now Music USA
2200 News Roundup
2230 VOA Magazine Show
2300 Special English News
2310 Special English Science and Technology Report
2315 Music USA Jazz
2400 VOA World Report

Morning Frequencies (06.00- 15.00)

KHz	Meters
15260	19.7
11760	25.5
9760	30.7
6040	49.7
9700	30.9
9700	30.9
6015	49.8
1260	238

Evening Frequencies (18.00- 01.00)

KHz	Meters
15260	19.7
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11760	25.5
9760	30.7
6040	49.7
9700	30.9
6015	49.8
1260	23.8

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♡Q108
◊KQ5
♣965

SOUTH
♠K
♡AKJ9762
◊74
♣AK3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♡			

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

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Finessing the jack certainly an extraordinary lay — missing only three tricks to the queen — but it is the right play nevertheless. This is because declarer assures the contract by taking the finesse and cannot assure it if he does not take the finesse. It is hard to quarrel with such a reason — even though the play itself is off the beaten path.

Let's assume that the worst happens and declarer loses the jack to the queen. The defense can then do no better than lead two more rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffs high, draws the only missing trump and plays the king of spades. This loses to the ace and back comes a club.

South wins, crosses to dummy with his carefully preserved deuce of trumps, and discards a club on the queen of spades, thus making the contract in flamboyant style. His only losers are a spade, a heart and a diamond.

In effect, the "foolish finesse" at trick two guarantees the contract whether the jack wins the trick or loses it. It is thus a perfect form of safety play.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
A private business chat proves informative. Overall, you'll make important gains now. Mixing business with pleasure helps, too!

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
An optimistic frame of mind brings you benefits from others. You'll be pleased by academic, legal or travel developments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
The business picture brightens now. You're in the driver's seat and can make things happen. Seek credit and financial backing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Make plans to go someplace special with a loved one. Singles enjoy favorable introductions. Close friends are in a generous mood.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Don't be fooled in romance, but do enjoy this day. It is favorable for work accomplishments and furthering domestic well-being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Talks with close friends lead to better rapport. Leisure times are fun-filled. Both creative enterprises and romance prove lucky.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Put new domestic plans into motion. Some make necessary decisions regarding major appliances or purchases for the home. Entertain others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You're articulate and charming and should make important calls or visits now. Writers and students experience a burst of creativity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
It's a good day for shopping and investigating new ways to improve income. Guard against a tendency towards romantic daydreaming.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Good news is likely now. Others will see your point of view. Accept invitations and enjoy the chance to make new friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
A private chat bodes well for financial interests, now that you're able to catch up with unfinished business. What a relief!

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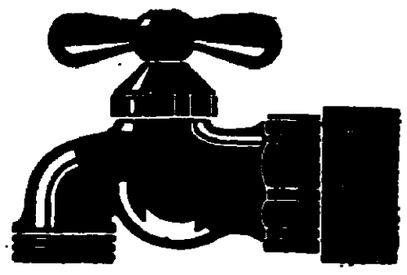

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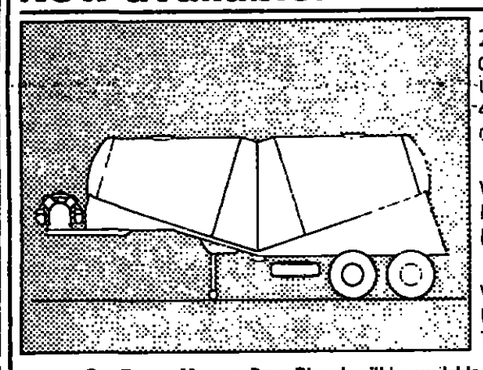

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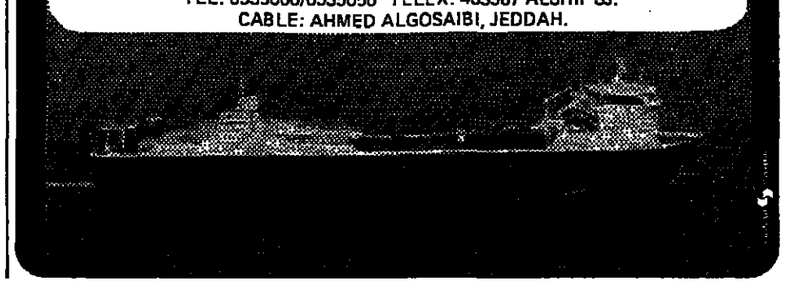

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Nicaragua emergency assailed

America rules out Cuba arms blockade

WASHINGTON, March 17 (Agencies) — Navy Secretary John Lehman said that any U.S. naval blockade aimed at stopping arms shipments to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador could lead to global war. He told reporters the United States could not mount such an operation without weakening its seapower elsewhere in the world, and he gave no indication the administration had any plans for such a move.

Lehman said he could not conceive of any blockade of arms from Cuba to Nicaragua remaining localized because U.S. ships were engaged with Soviet ships daily round the world. U.S. officials have accused Nicaragua's leftist government of building the largest military force in Central America and of shipping Soviet-made arms to the Salvadoran rebels.

Lehman said that Cuba's Soviet-supplied fleet included two submarines, one frigate and 60 torpedo and missile boats. He added that Soviet submarines often roam the Caribbean. "The problem is that now, in a way that was never true in the past, we in the navy cannot conceive of a naval conflict with the Soviet Union that actually engaged Soviet forces that could be localized. It is instantaneously a global war because we are engaged with them every day," he said.

However, a senior State Department official made clear that any decision by the Soviet Union to introduce nuclear weapons into Cuba or Nicaragua would have serious but unstated consequences.

The question arose at a briefing at the State Department in which the official said the United States is concerned by "threatening language" in the speech on Tuesday by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

The introduction of nuclear weapons into Cuba would be a clear violation of the U.S.-Soviet understanding ending the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, the official replied.

Asked what the U.S. reaction would be if such weapons are in fact installed in Cuba, the official said: "I don't think I need to say more." He stressed however, that Cuba is not specifically mentioned in the Brezhnev speech.

But what if such weapons are deployed in Nicaragua where there is no previous understanding between Washington and Moscow? "I think it is fair to say that that would be a very serious development," the official said.

The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan meanwhile denounced the imposition of "a state of emergency" in Nicaragua, but declined all comment on Nicaragua's charge that it acted because it suspects a U.S. plot against it.

"We are concerned about this action by the Nicaraguan government and are concerned further that this may be a prelude to a general crackdown on the democratic elements which remain in the country," said Dean Fischer, the State Department spokesman.

But asked about Nicaragua's charges that the Reagan administration is directing a campaign against it, including the destruction of two bridges Sunday, Fischer said he would have "no comment on anything relating to that subject."

Fischer also responded with a flat "no" when asked if it was a good idea to have presented Jose Orlando Tardencillas to reporters in Washington last week. Tardencillas crossed up the State Department by denying direct Cuban and Nicaraguan involvement in El Salvador.

Fischer indicated, however, there would be other presentations in the future to back up U.S. charges that Nicaragua and Cuba are directing the Salvadoran insurgency. The leftist Sandinista government Monday suspended individual rights for 30 days and imposed strict censorship. A radio station operated by the church was closed.

Junta member Daniel Ortega said the emergency measures were necessary because of "plans for aggression against our country" directed by the United States "with the complicity" of anti-government groups based in neighboring Honduras and Miami.

Haiti 'raiders' stopped at sea

MIAMI, Florida, March 17 (Agencies) — About 15 armed persons in two small boats, suspected of planning an invasion of Haiti, were intercepted at sea, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) office here announced Wednesday. Coast Guard officials found automatic weapons when the boats were stopped Tuesday evening just off the southern coast of Florida.

An FBI spokesman said the group had been under surveillance for several days. Those being held will be questioned in view of possible charges that they violated U.S. neutrality laws.

Last January, 35-man force led by Haitian exile Bernard Sansaricq launched an abortive invasion of Haiti. They were repulsed when localtroops opened fire and killed several of them. Sansaricq was arrested by the U.S. Coast Guard. In the past 12 months an estimated 60,000 Haitians have fled by boats to the United States.

In another development, a Nicaraguan gunboat opened fire on a Honduran Coast Guard patrol in Honduran waters wounding one sailor, a military spokesman in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, charges Tuesday.

Relations between Honduras and neighboring Nicaragua have been tense since a leftist Sandinista government succeeded Nicaraguan ruler Anastasio Somaza on July, 1979, after a bloody revolution.

An estimated 18,000 Nicaraguan exiles live by the border in Honduras, most of them Somoza sympathizers and national guardsmen during the Somoza regime.

Socialite plans appeal in heiress case

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, March 17 (R) — Claus von Bulow, a Danish refugee who climbed the ladder of American high society, faces up to 40 years in jail after being convicted of a bungled plot to murder his heiress wife.

Von Bulow, 55, once oil magnate J. Paul Getty's right-hand man, was freed on $100,000 bail and driven by chauffeur to New York Tuesday night to begin planning his appeal. But at the end of the 65-day trial defense lawyer John Sheehan told Reuters: "I think they (the prosecution) had devastating evidence against us."

The prosecution said Von Bulow dreamed of a splendid, lavish life with his mistress, 36-year-old divorcee Alexandra Isles, and tried to murder his wife Martha for her money.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for 38 hours before convicting him on two counts of trying to kill. Mrs. Von Bulow with insulin injections in 1979 and 1980. Mrs. Von Bulow, 50, has been in a coma since the second injection and doctors say she will never recover.

Von Bulow, who could be sentenced to up to 20 years on each charge, would be jailed in the state penitentiary at Cranston, Rhode Island, a building which a judge once declared unfit for human habitation. James O'Brien, a former state assistant attorney general, said: "There are rats running around. It is damp and cold in the winter and hot in the summer."

If his appeal fails, Von Bulow would also lose the $14.5 million he stood to inherit upon his wife's death. Von Bulow, impassive

Claus von Bulow

throughout the trial, heard the verdict impassively and left the court without a word to his lawyers.

It was the end of a glittering social rise that began after Von Bulow was smuggled out of Nazi-occupied Denmark aboard a Swedish plane in 1942. He became a London barrister and a member of an exclusive social set in the British capital. Then he met Martha Crawford, daughter of a Pittsburgh utility magnate and unhappily married to an Austrian prince.

After her divorce, they married in 1966 but happiness eluded them. She wanted him at home, he wanted to work. He once said he felt like a gigolo.

The case against Von Bulow was circumstantial. No prosecution witness claimed to have seen him inject his wife with insulin. Maria Schrallhammer, Mrs. Von Bulow's maid of 23 years, said she found her lying unconscious in bed, her body ice cold.

She said she begged Von Bulow to call a doctor but for nine hours he refused. By the time he relented, she said. Mrs. Von Bulow was close to death. The maid, whose testimony was described by prosecutor Stephen Famiglietti Tuesday as his best evidence, said she watched Von Bulow for a year after that.

She found a black bag of drugs that he carried with him constantly. In it, two days before Mrs. Von Bulow went into her second, permanent coma, was a bottle of insulin, she said. She passed on her suspicions to Mrs. Von Bulow's children by her first marriage, Prince Alex, 22, and Princess Ala Von Auersperg, who hired a private investigator, Richard Kuh.

In January last year, the prosecution said, Prince Alex and a private detective searched Von Bulow's bedroom, found the black bag and in it an insulin-encrusted hypodermic needle. After the verdict, Kuh said he and the family were quietly satisfied by the conviction.

Defense counsel Fahringer, who insisted that Mrs. Von Bulow caused the comas herself by alcohol and drug abuse said he would appeal. Judge Thomas Needham set no date for sentencing. The defense will move a routine motion for a retrial on April 2.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

A mixed bag today.

First from the realm of politics. It was said that when Khrushchev stood up to deliver his famous attack on Stalin and his crimes, someone in the audience shouted "and why didn't you say anything then?" Khrushchev looked sternly at the gathering and demanded, "who said that? Own up immediately!" The answer of course was complete silence. "You see," said Khrushchev, "here you have your answer. That's why I didn't say anything at the time..."

Then there was that Italian politician who had just delivered a speech. He thought it hadn't gone down very well with the audience and turned to an aide to ask: "Do you think this is perhaps the worst speech I ever made?" To which came the quick answer, "Absolutely, minister! The worst speech made by anyone..."

From the history of art comes the story of Mozart being asked by a musician to listen to two pieces he'd composed and judge which one is better. He started playing the first one. After a few moment the great artist cut him short. "The other one is better!" he said sharply.

And finally a story from the British legal fraternity. A senior judge had just died and a court official came round collecting from lawyers for a wreath. "The contribution is half a guinea," he said to a lawyer. To which came the reply, "Here's a guinea, now go and send off two judges..."

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S. Africa troops ferry Angola loot

OSHAKATI, Namibia, March 17 (Agencies) — South African troops held an area of southwestern Angola Wednesday ferrying out captured supplies of arms and food after a cross-border raid in which they said 201 guerrillas were killed.

The raid, launched with an airborne assault on a Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) forward supply base on Saturday, was the first incursion into Angola announced by the South African authorities since November.

A small group of journalists and officers flown to the base by helicopter were told the raid was carried out by only 45 men of the once-secret 32 Battalion, a mainly black counter-insurgency commando which SWAPO has accused in the past of committing atrocities.

Helicopters also joined in the attack, in which the South African forces lost three dead — two white and one black. The officer commanding military forces in Namibia (Southwest Africa), Maj. Gen. Charles Lloyd, said food caches near the camp — which included tinned meat packed in Bulawayo — showed Zimbabwean support for SWAPO.

SWAPO has been fighting guerrilla war against South African rule of this disputed territory for 16 years. But officers at this northern headquarters said the camp in the Cambeno Valley 22 kms north of the border and 70 kms inland, was the furthest west SWAPO had operated.

They added that there had been only one previous raid in 1980 on a base in Mocamedes province, north of the remote northwest Kaokoland area of Namibia. Gen. Lloyd, briefing reporters after accompanying them on the visit to the camp, said SWAPO had apparently decided to move back into that area to stretch South African forces as thinly as possible. He added that this could be due to heavy guerrilla losses suffered in two major South African raids into the more central Huila and Cuando Cubango provinces late last year.

In an unrelated development in South Africa, mercenary "Mad Mike" Hoare on trial for hijacking threw a lawn party with tea and cakes under umbrellas outside the Pietermaritzburg courthouse Wednesday to celebrate his 63rd birthday. The festivities came on the sixth day of the proceedings against Hoare and 42 other mercenaries accused of hijacking an Air-India flight to escape from the Seychelles Islands after a bungled coup attempt last November.

Confessed Brigades terrorist claims sparing Dozier's life

VERONA, Italy March 17 (AP) — A confessed Red Brigades terrorist said Wednesday he spared Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier's life when police broke in to free the kidnapped American because he couldn't bring himself to hate him.

"I had all the time I needed to shoot the general," said Giovanni Ciucci, 23. "I could not succeed in seeing him as an enemy but only as a man who was sleeping." Ciucci testified on the fourth day of the trial of 17 alleged terrorists charged with the kidnapping Dec. 17 of the highest-ranking U.S. officer at the NATO base in Verona.

Dozier told reporters after his rescue that one of his captors was pointing a pistol at his head when police stormed the apartment in Padua where he was imprisoned in a tent. Ciucci said he was guarding Dozier on Jan. 28 when the group's ringleader, Antonio Savasta, came and told him the police were coming.

"Savasta gave me a pistol. The general was still sleeping," he said. "The general woke up when the police broke the door down. I tried to tell him with gestures to stay calm, that nothing would happen." Ciucci said police hit him on the head with a pistol and he was arrested. He did not tell the court he had pointed the gun to Dozier's head.

Also testifying Wednesday were confessed Red Brigades members Armando Lanza, 32, Roberto Zanca, 27 and Ruggero Volina, 25, who said he drove the getaway car the night Dozier was abducted from his Verona apartment by four men posing as plumbers.

Savasta testified Tuesday that a Bulgarian Embassy employee offered to help the kidnappers with money and advice. Savasta, 27, made the same statement in a 25-page deposition to police that was leaked to the press last week. The Bulgarian Embassy denied then that any of its staff contacted anyone linked to the Red Brigades.

Savasta and four of the defendants were captured when Dozier was rescued. Four others were arrested before and after the raid. The other eight defendants are still at large and are being tried in absentia.

Savasta in his deposition said he never spoke personally with any Bulgarian representatives but a Red Brigades member now in jail, Loris Scricciolo, arranged for one of them to contact his cousin Luigi Scricciolo, a union leader arrested Feb. 4 on terrorist charges.

Luigi Scricciolo, who heads the international office of the Socialist Labor Federation, denied he is a member of the terrorist group. He claimed his cousin told the Red Brigades Luigi could get them foreign contacts to improve his standing in the organization.

Denmark jails girl's strangler

FADBORG, Denmark, March 17 (AP) — A 28-year-old Italian was in jail Wednesday after admitting he strangled a West German girl last May after shampooing her hair at least four times, police said. The girl's decomposed body was found behind a wall Monday in the Italian's attic room where he continued to live since the murder.

Police identified the man as Luigi Richard Longhi. He pleaded guilty on Tuesday to a charge of negligent manslaughter and was ordered jailed for four weeks pending further investigation. His victim was identified tentatively as a blonde, 19-year-old West German. Other details were not released immediately.

Longhi's arrest followed the macabre discovery of the girl's body Monday by a building insulation worker. The Italian, described as an unemployed truck driver with a history of mental illness, said in a court hearing Tuesday he stuffed the girl's body in an attic crawl space after killing her. He said he covered the body with black plastic trash bags and lime with calcium paste to try to kill the odor.

Longhi said he met the woman on May 29, 1981, at a truck stop cafeteria here, took her to his room, offered to shampoo and set her hair because he said it made him feel good to wash women's hair, but that after the first shampoo, she refused to have her hair washed again. He said he then tied her and shampooed her hair at least three more times.

Longhi said the woman, bound by the hands and feet and around her neck, tried several times to scream and stamp her feet on the floor to summon help. He said he panicked and pulled the ropes too tight, strangling her.

Tejero narrates Spanish coup bid

MADRID, March 17 (R) — The flamboyant officer who stormed the Spanish parliament with civil guards a year ago testified at his trial Wednesday that he was spearheading a bloodless "Turkish coup." Lt. Col. Antonio Tjero Molina said the coup leaders' plans were to set up military government in the style of the 1980 coup in Turkey to give Spain" a change of course."

This was the first time the moustachioed civil guards officer had spoken in public since he surrendered in parliament telling the ministers and deputies he had held hostage for 18 hours: "You go free, I shall be sent down for 30 years." He now faces a 30-year prison sentence from a court-martial trying 32 officers and one civilian for military rebellion in connection with the abortive coup.

Col. Tejero stood to attention and clicked his heels when he took the stand. He explained in a self-assured voice how he had planned to storm either parliament of the prime minister's residence and hold the country's highest civilian authorities under control to avoid triggering another civil war.

Col. Tejero said he chose the parliament because of increased security measures around the prime minister's residence.

He said he planned the Feb. 23 takeover of parliament on orders from Lt. Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch, then commander of Valencia. He said he was later told by a major of the military intelligence service that the real coup leader was Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada Comyn who enjoyed the support of King Juan Carlos.

He said Gen. Armada, then deputy army chief of staff, gave him final orders 48 hours before the coup and told him he had had contacts with the United States and the Vatican. Gen. Armada has denied meeting him before the takeover. Col Tejero said he was not a monarchist but had accepted plans for "a military government to strengthen monarchy, reform the weak points of the country's (1978 democratic) constitution, to end the race to regional autonomy, to put an end to terrorism and to freeze Marxism."

Row paralyzes Canada parliament

OTTAWA, March 17 (R) — A bitter political row between Canada's two main political parties has paralyzed the House of Commons, where it is still technically Tuesday March 2. In an unprecedented and increasingly unreal impasse, no business has been possible since then because of a procedural move by the opposition Progressive Conservatives in protest at a government bill.

Both sides claim that they are adhering to parliamentary procedures and accuse the other of fascism and dictatorship. According to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's Liberal Party, the issue is whether the Conservatives can block parliament and therefore Canadian democracy.

"It happened to the Polish government after the war, in Franco's Spain, in Portugal and in Italy at the time of the fascists," Trudeau told a Toronto party meeting. "The way in which democracy was destroyed was by closing down parliament." But the Conservatives, led by former Prime Minister Joe Clark, blame the government.

They accuse Trudeau of violating parliament by trying to push through a mammoth energy security bill, incorporating 15 different pieces of legislation and taxation measures, by making it subject to only one vote at each legislative stage. The third party in parliament, the small left-leaning New Democratic Party, has been left powerless. Its leader, Ed Broadbent, said the other parties were "acting like two kids in some kind of street fight."

The Conservatives, called Tories after British custom, have long accused Trudeau of dictatorial tendencies and having scant respect for parliament, where he has a safe majority. They protested strongly when the government introduced the 149-page energy security bill, which lays out a series of exploration incentives and detailed regulations aimed at making Canada self-sufficient in oil by 1990.

They said the measures, some of which are controversial, needed more detailed scrutiny than they would get in one omnibus bill. Conservative house leader Erik Nielsen described the bill as "the last straw in an emerging pattern which is eroding parliamentary democracy."

"If they can do this, they can do anything," he said. "You have to draw a line somewhere." But the speaker of the house, Jeanne Sauve, ruled that she could not force the government to split up the bill into several pieces of legislation.

On March 2, the Conservatives called a motion to adjourn the house and then walked out. No business can be conducted until the house votes on the Conservative motion to end the March 2 parliamentary day. All efforts to end the deadlock have failed. Trudeau and government house leader Yvon Have said they are willing to discuss splitting the bill, once the Conservatives end their boycott and agree on time limits for debate.

But Conservative members have rejected such conditions, saying they need better assurances that the bill will be split.

Colombia dissident to contest presidency

BOGOTA, March 17 (R) — Dissident Liberal Luis Carlos Galan has insisted he will contest Colombia's presidential election next May in a move which will further split his party and which could give victory to the Conservative candidate.

In parliamentary elections at the weekend the Liberals, including Galan's breakaway "New Liberalism" faction, scored a comfortable victory over the Conservative with 5 percent of the vote.

Although he lost 22 of Colombia's 23 provinces, Galan won by a landslide in the mineral-rich country's most populated area which includes the capital, Bogota. Galan Tuesday confirmed his decision to run in the May 30 presidential elections and ruled out the possibility of withdrawing his candidacy in favor of the Liberals' official candidate former President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen.

Indian state government resigns

NEW DELHI March 17 (AP) — The 80-day-old coalition government led by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party in the southern Indian state of Kerala resigned Wednesday after losing its majority in the legislature through the defection of a single lawmaker

Within hours of accepting the resignations of Chief Minister K. Karunakaran and his seven-member cabinet, Governor Jyothi Vencatachellum dissolved the state assembly. Mrs. Gandhi's government was expected to impose direct central rule again for the second time in five months.

The crisis erupted Monday when Lonappan Nambadad, a prominent member of the Christian Kerala Congress Party loudly announced his resignation from the minority party and withdrawal of support from the united front coalition.

In a brief statement, Nambadad alleged that government policies were harming sections of the state he represented. He requested independent status in the legislature Nambadad's defection left the ruling coalition with only 70 seats in the 141-member state assembly.

The move gained added significance because the legislature was due to return to session on Friday to consider the new state budget. Now, fresh elections will have to be held within six months.

Kerala, a long-time Marxist-ruled state, was thrown into similar turmoil last October when then Chief Minister E.K. Nayanar's Communist-led government was reduced to a minority with the defection of two of its partners. New Delhi quickly imposed presidential rule on the southernmost Indian state until a new government could be formed.

Mrs. Gandhi's state Congress Party subsequently collected together a precarious one — member majority coalition — that survived numerous crises in the months ahead only with the house speaker — who had been chosen from the coalition's ranks — using his tie-breaking vote to carry the day.

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min. C	Min. F	Max C	Max F	
Amsterdam	5	41	10	50	cloudy
Athens	8	46	18	64	clear
Bahrain	16	61	22	72	cloudy
Bangkok	28	82	33	91	clear
Beirut	11	52	19	66	clear
Berlin	2	36	8	46	cloudy
Brussels	0	32	10	50	clear
Buenos Aires	17	62	20	68	clear
Cairo	12	54	22	72	cloudy
Caracas	16	61	29	84	cloudy
Chicago	4	39	14	57	cloudy
Copenhagen	3	37	6	43	cloudy
Dublin	3	37	9	48	rain
Frankfurt	4	39	9	48	rain
Geneva	4	39	11	52	cloudy
Helsinki	-6	21	5	41	clear
Hong Kong	19	66	23	73	clear
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	34	93	clear
London	4	39	10	50	rain
Los Angeles	10	51	14	57	rain
Madrid	4	39	19	66	clear

	Min. C.	Min. F.	Max. C.	Max. F	
Manila	20	68	35	95	clear
Mexico City	15	59	28	82	clear
Miami	24	75	27	80	clear
Montreal	-11	12	1	34	rain
Moscow	-4	25	4	39	clear
New Delhi	15	60	30	86	cloudy
New York	4	39	9	47	cloudy
Nicosia	7	45	16	61	cloudy
Oslo	1	34	4	39	cloudy
Paris	4	39	12	54	cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	23	73	35	95	clear
Rome	0	32	14	57	clear
San Francisco	6	43	12	53	clear
Seoul	2	36	8	46	rain
Singapore	23	73	30	86	rain
Stockholm	2	36	6	43	cloudy
Sydney	19	66	25	77	clear
Taipei	19	66	28	82	cloudy
Tokyo	10	60	14	57	cloudy
Toronto	-0	32	2	36	rain
Vancouver	1	30	6	43	clear
Vienna	3	37	10	49	clear

Uganda greets OIC team

NAIROBI, Kenya, March 17 (AP) — A delegation from the Organization Islamic Conference (OIC) has arrived in Uganda to inspect the site of a planned Islamic university to serve English-speaking East Africa, Uganda Radio reported Wednesday.

The radio said in a broadcast monitored here that President Milton Obote met with members of the delegation, headed by Dr. Ali Ketani, director-general of the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development.

The OIC is reportedly providing the funds to establish the university, planned for Mbale in eastern Uganda near the border with Kenya. The government-owned radio said Obote told the delegation that the university would be an important symbol of Arab-African cooperation and assured the members of Uganda's full cooperation and assistance.